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WEATHER  
Partly cloudy and continued cool.  
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## Budget Rise For Social Needs of City Asked

### Board of Estimate Meet Jammed; Union Leaders Take Floor

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## Newsboys Lose Protection of Wage-Hour Act

WASHINGTON, April 12 (UP).—Newsboys are not covered by the child labor provisions of the Wage-Hour Act unless they go to newspaper publishing plants to receive their papers, the Children's Bureau of the Labor Department announced today.

Elisha Hanson, counsel for the American Newspaper Publishers Association, said he was "very pleased" with the ruling because it would exempt practically all newsboys in the United States.

## Dismissed WPA Crews to Picket Barton's Office

Hundreds of dismissed WPA workers will picket before the advertising firm of Representative Bruce Barton, at 383 Madison Ave., at 5 P. M. tomorrow, to point the finger at the Republican as the city's only Congressman who supported WPA cuts.

The demonstration is under the auspices of a joint committee of the Workers' Alliance, United American Artists and WPA Teachers, Local 453 of the A. F. of L.

The 48-hour uninterrupted picket line at central WPA administration offices at 70 Columbus Ave. will end at 4 P. M. today with the picket march reinforced by hundreds at the concluding hour. More than 100 marched at yesterday's high point.

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## Expectant Mother Faces Jail Today in Relief Protest

By Beth McHenry  
Mrs. Betty Biancarti, 29-year-old expectant mother, trembled when she spoke of going to court this morning. For Mrs. Biancarti is the relief client whom Magistrate Overton Harris has threatened to put in jail.

Mrs. Biancarti, interviewed at 55 Barrow St. where she and her husband and their four tiny children have just moved into a four-room flat, said if the judge sent her to jail it would be very hard on them.

"I got such a shock the past few days I don't think I could stand much more," she said. "And then the children—they're so little, and my husband, he's sick. I don't know what the matter with that judge—what kind of a man can he be?"

Mrs. Biancarti was arrested last Thursday at the Home Relief Station, 43 Bleeker St., and charged with disorderly conduct.

## Lockout Menaces City's Coal Supply

### Mayor to Appear Before Mine Negotiators' Parley Today

By George Morris

The lockout of 338,000 miners that Appalachian bituminous operators forced in their holdout against granting complete union recognition, is menacing New York City's coal supply, Mayor La Guardia yesterday warned negotiators of the union and operators at Biltmore Hotel.

The Mayor's request to appear before the conference of the United Mine Workers and operators was granted by the joint committee. He will describe the situation to them in person at 10:15 A. M. today.

Making public the Mayor's concern with city's supply of fuel, John L. Lewis said the joint committee had received more messages from municipal governments and institutions pointing to their alarmingly diminishing coal supply. Among them was a telegram from the City of Cleveland stating that its light plant faced a serious shortage.

Asked if he was willing to make public a copy of the Mayor's letter, Mr. Lewis said he had no objection. All but one of the operators on the sub-committee, including Mr. Charles O'Neill their spokesman, answered similarly after some hesitation. But Mr. J. D. A. Morrow, President of the Mellon-controlled Pittsburgh Coal Co., said he thought the Mayor ought to decide upon that. Mr. Walter Robinson, chairman of the joint committee, an operator, thereupon declined to release the letter.

**CALLS LOCKOUT "STUPID"**  
When a policeman of the motor-cycled squad bearing a letter, was escorted to the conference room door, it was regarded as certain that New York was now feeling the menacing situation.

"The Mayor of the city of New York," Lewis said, "calling attention to the conference to the menacing shortage of coal affecting various facilities of the City of New York, requested the privilege to appear to discuss the shortage and steps that might be taken in case of a shortage."

"The sub-committee agreed to grant him that privilege at 10:15 tomorrow morning."

"In the meantime the stupid lockout of the miners in the Appalachian fields continues and the position of the mine workers remains as yesterday."

On Tuesday night when the conference ended another fruitless day, Mr. Lewis traced the course of negotiations since March 14 when they began. He pointed out that the union withdrew all its demands and agreed to the proposal of the operators to renew the expired contract, but insisted upon more complete recognition, including exclusive bargaining rights. It is upon the latter issue that the conference has

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## Soviet Warships Sail Through The Dardanelles

ISTANBUL, Turkey, April 12 (UP).—Confirming reports of Russian warship movements in the Mediterranean, maritime officials said today that four Soviet destroyers transited the Dardanelles Straits Sunday and Monday. The reported purpose was reinforcement of the Soviet Far Eastern fleet.

The exchange of "assurances," couched in polite diplomatic phrases, was received by foreign diplomats with skepticism in the light of negotiations proceeding for several days between Greece and Great Britain for some sort of mutual defensive pact, beneficial principally to Greece.

## Albanian Queen's Fever Declines; Still in Danger

LARISSA, Greece, April 12 (UP).—The temperature of Queen Geraldine of Albania had dropped to 100.4 today and she was believed rallying from the puerperal (childbirth) fever contracted after her flight from Tirana before the Italian invasion last week.

The 23-year-old Queen, whose mother was an American, gave birth last Wednesday to a son who would have inherited the little kingdom had not Italians seized it. Two days after the birth, she had to leave her bed and ride 14 hours over rough, mountainous roads to Greece.

## Duce Whines

ROME, April 12 (UP).—The newspaper Popolo di Roma, charging that Great Britain is jealous of United States' power and influence, said today that the ties between the two nations are weakening.

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# BRITISH-FRENCH PLEDGE TO AID GREECE, TURKEY EXPECTED TODAY

## Puppet Regime Makes Italian King Also Albania's

ZOG'S NAME ERASED

Ciano and Fascist Army Wipe Out All Vestige of Independence

TIRANA, Albania, April 12 (UP).—A "constitutional assembly" working under the direction of Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano today abolished the old Albanian government and established a dual monarchy, making the King of Italy the King of Albania.

Albania will have its own "government," headed by Pheqat Verlaci as premier, and technically at least will remain a separate state.

The assembly offered the crown to King Victor Emmanuel in a resolution providing for a personal union with Italy through the person of His Majesty. It provided also that Italy "protect" Albania's frontiers and handle all matters of foreign policy.

Ciano flew here from Rome and was greeted at the airport by Italian military commanders and Albanian leaders. As he left the field a band played the new Albanian "national anthem," understood to have been written six months ago by an Italian.

Effacement of all traces of King Zog was progressing rapidly in the capital of his former kingdom. All posters which Zog had plastered throughout the city were covered with pictures of the King of Italy and of Premier Benito Mussolini.

The letter "Z," which was embroidered on the caps of the Albanian gendarmes, has been ripped off.

The assembly was opened with an attack on Zog's regime by Dylfer Zylfi, president of the "provisional administrative committee," who said: "I feel immense joy in my heart for the arrival of the Italian army in Albania, which I had foreseen and desired for a long time."

The assembly comprised about 150 members. Albanian airplanes brought delegates from distant districts while those living nearer Tirana came in automobiles, most of which were placed at their disposal by the Italian authorities.

Premier Verlaci also will be Minister of Public Works. Other members of the new government included Ypi as Justice Minister, Zehmi Dino, Foreign Affairs; Felzi Altoli, Finance; Andon Bega, National Economy; and Ernest Kohli, Public Instruction.

**SKEPTICISM GREETED EXCHANGE OF ASSURANCES**  
ROME, April 12 (UP).—Official communiques announced today that Premier Benito Mussolini had conferred with General Gaetano Gambiara on a date for withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain and that Italy had given assurances of friendship to Greece.

Mussolini "assured" Greece that Italy has no territorial or maritime aspirations against Greece. The Greek Minister to Rome, answering for Prime Minister John Metaxas, replied by expressing appreciation for the "assurances."

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## Czech Fair Pavilion Gets Mayor's OK

PRAGUE, April 12 (UP).—An official Nazi announcement said today that the German "Protections" of Bohemia-Moravia, a part of the dismembered Czechoslovak Republic, would not participate in the World's Fair at New York.

Czechoslovakia already had spent \$245,000 on a pavilion and industrial products for the Fair. Ten carloads of goods destined for New York were sidetracked in Prague.

Progress made by the Czechoslovak Republic before the Hitler storm troopers marched into Prague will be exhibited as a special feature at the World's Fair, Mayor LaGuardia announced yesterday.

A committee to administer the Czechoslovakian pavilion and exhibit at the Fair was set up by the Mayor under the chairmanship of Dr. John Finley of the New York Times.

"The purpose," the Mayor said, "is to show the progress made by the independent republic of Czechoslovakia up to the period of interruption. The organization will be self-financed and operated on a non-profit basis."

The interior of the Czech pavilion at the World's Fair will be completed, Mr. LaGuardia said. All the art and exhibits brought here

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## Prominent Catholic Urges Drastic Neutrality Change

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House was told today by Dr. Charles Fenwick, an eminent authority on international law, that the United States "has the economic power to prevent war."

Dr. Fenwick urged Congress to unleash this power by making drastic changes in the Neutrality Act. Fenwick is a professor at Bryn Mawr, a prominent Catholic layman, and was one of the representatives of the United States at the Lima conference.

He expressed support for the amendments to the Act introduced by Representative Lee Geyer of California, which are identical with those in the Senate offered by Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah, to permit the President with a majority of Congress to embargo aggressor nations.

Testifying on behalf of the committee of experts of the American Union for Concerted Peace Efforts, Fenwick appeared before the committee immediately after Dr. Thomas Healy, dean of the Foreign Service School of Georgetown University, who is also a well-known Catholic and is a confirmed isolationist.

**CITES AUTHORITY OF POPE**  
In a dramatic reply to Healy, Fenwick cited the authority of Benedict XV and other Popes to show that the Catholic church has

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## Nazi Slanders Of FDR Reach New Low Point

### Personal Attack Presumes to Give U. S. Hitler's Advice

BERLIN, April 12 (UP).—Der Angriff, Berlin organ of the Nazi Labor Front, scathingly attacked President Roosevelt today as a "war-monger."

"It was obvious that Roosevelt would hasten to the British war-mongering endorsement policy with open arms," the paper said. "But we must term it gross irrelevance and impertinence when the head of a state can permit himself to pursue war-mongering in this direct form. Who do you think we are, Mr. Roosevelt?"

"What has moved you to forecast definitely in such a consciously reckless and dangerous fashion?"

"We know that upon your initiative negotiations with South American countries are now in the offing which are connected with trading raw materials which are necessary in war time and have the purpose of cranking up your armaments industry."

"We know also that every one of your domestic plans has failed and that you are one of the most unpopular men in America."

"Answer us, Mr. President. That would be more praiseworthy than sophisticated but peace is endangered."

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## Staten Island Pier Fire Endangers Ferry Boats

A spectacular blaze broke out on Pier 17, Staten Island, tonight, endangering a warehouse and a half dozen ferry boats formerly used between Brooklyn and the Battery.

The fireboat William Gaynor and all available Staten Island fire companies were summoned.

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## Report Paris Ready to Warn Fascist Axis

Spur Secret Fleet Moves in Mediterranean; U. S. Gets Note on Policy

PARIS, April 12 (UP).—The French cabinet today approved a vigorous declaration of policy warning Italy and Germany that any for

talitarian expansion in the Mediterranean or elsewhere which violates French interests would be met by force of arms.

To back this declaration the French general staff secretly proceeded with concentration of the French Mediterranean fleet at an undesignated rendezvous and the crack French army attained a strength of well over a million men by the arrival at base depots of a steady stream of reserves and specialists answering individual calls to the colors.

The Ministerial Council approved new military measures and the declaration of government policy without a dissenting vote. As soon as the text was worked out, a copy was sent to London and a copy of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's statement to be made in Parliament tomorrow was received in change.

Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet conveyed to United States Ambassador William C. Bullitt the broad lines of the declaration for transmission to Washington.

**ORDER STRICT SECURITY**  
Strict secrecy concerning defense measures was ordered by the government—newspapers were asked not to publish even the sailing of the Mediterranean fleet from Toulon last night—but it is known there has been no let up in the quiet mobilization of reserve officers and specialists which has been in progress for more than two weeks.

The general staff has examined fortifications along the Italian and German borders with all necessary covering troops.

The Cabinet today approved three decree laws intended to make use of manpower available among several million refugees from various countries.

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WILL WARN AXIS

Strongest Statement Is Expected From French Cabinet

**Summary**

LONDON.—British and French Premiers to announce stand on Balkan-Mediterranean crisis today; reported ready to give guarantees to several countries and to warn that further aggression will be met by force of arms.

PARIS.—Daladier to announce position to Chamber today; Peoples Front leaders reserve judgment.

ROME.—Diplomats skeptical of Italian "assurances" to Greece and announcements of troop "withdrawals" from Spain.

BERLIN.—Nazi press makes vicious attack on President Roosevelt.

TIRANA.—Italian-dominated puppet regime establishes dual monarchy with Italy as Count Ciano looks on.

PWLLHEL, Wales.—Lloyd George says Soviet alignment with Western democracies is only guarantee against further aggression.

LONDON.—Winston Churchill says England must not stop at half-way measures in seeking peace front.

WASHINGTON.—State Department reports Britain and France get promises to buy \$24,000,000 of American war material in first three months of this year.

ATHENS, April 12 (UP).—Quoting its London correspondent as authority, the newspaper Eleftheron Vima said today that Great Britain and France had agreed definitely to guarantee Greek independence.

The correspondent said that Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain would announce in the House of Commons tomorrow that Britain was granting complete protection to Greece in case she was attacked.

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LONDON, April 12.—Britain and France will reply to fascist Italy's invasion of Albania tomorrow, reportedly by announcing their intention to protect Greece and Turkey from similar attack and warning Italy and her Axis partner that further aggression endangering their interests will be met by force of arms.

The special session of Parliament convened by Italian seizure of Albania will hear this announcement from Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Foreign Minister Viscount Halifax. At the same time Premier Edouard Daladier will make a similar announcement, reputed to be even stronger in language, in Paris.

The combined British and French Mediterranean fleets were at war stations in that sea ready to enforce the joint Anglo-French declaration. They outnumbered the entire Italian Navy by about 40 per cent.

**5-POINT STATEMENT**  
The British statement, as it now stands, includes these points:

1. A strong condemnation of the methods employed by Italy against Albania. It does not, however, denounce the Italian accord in which Italy promised to respect the status quo in the Mediterranean.

2. A clear definition of what Britain means by Mediterranean status quo. This is designed to deprive Italy of any excuse for ventures such as the seizure of

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## U. S. to Probe Bund Recruiting For Nazi Plants

WASHINGTON, April 12 (UP).—The House Committee on Un-American Activities will investigate reports that members of the German-American Bund are recruiting Americans for Nazi factories, it was disclosed today.

Rep. John J. Dempsey, D. N. M., a member of the committee, said he had "extensive information" that Bund representatives were offering skilled workers jobs in German munitions plants.

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## Leading Citizens Urge U.S. Protest Franco Slaughters

Wave of Indignation at Fascist Reprisals Is Reflected in Demands for Action; Christian Leaders Call for Mass Democratic Action

While details of Franco's vengeance against the Republicans in Spain seeped through the censored news stories from the stricken country yesterday, prominent New Yorkers expressed the mounting protest and indignation that has swept America because of the fascist reprisals.

Meager dispatches from the United Press yesterday told of six thousand Republicans held in Madrid, accused of "crimes" incident to the Civil War. The same dispatch told of 230,000 former Republican soldiers now held in concentration camps awaiting "classification."

Of the prisoners, it was told that 1,800 had already been charged with capital crimes while charges against the others "are being prepared."

Frans Boas, noted professor of Anthropology at Columbia University yesterday, repeated to the Daily Worker the contents of a letter he sent last week to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, asking the State Department to do its utmost to prevent the executions of Spain's defenders.

"I do not need to express my horror at the situation," he wrote Mr. Hull, "and I trust that the State Department may do everything in its power to prevent an action which can only be intended to satiate Franco's vengeance."

Paul Kern, Civil Service Commissioner of New York, declared that America must partly repay its debt to the Spanish defenders of democracy by doing everything possible to halt the mass terror unleashed by the fascist Franco.

"The reprisals taken by Franco against the Republicans in Spain," said Mr. Kern, "are indicative of the nature of a government which has the backing of a Hitler and a Mussolini. We and the other democracies are still indebted to the Spanish people for their defense of a freedom we hold sacred. It would seem that the least possible repayment we can make them now is to raise our voices against these savage persecutions."

### URGES PROTEST

Helen Morton, a director of the Students Christian Movement, said the news of fascist reprisals against Loyalist supporters is "tragic and regrettable."

"The voice of all who believe in justice in human relations should protest this action," she declared yesterday.

Mr. Lewis Birk, editor of Modern Age Books, which recently published "All the Brave," a pictorial presentation of Spain's tragedy, told the Daily Worker:

"In 'All the Brave,' the four notable people all gave evidence of the ruthlessness of the fascist forces in Spain. Recent news dispatches seem to indicate very clearly that unless we have an immediate and sharp protest against these reprisals 'All the Brave' may soon be dead."

"Having been in touch with the Spanish situation for two years, I feel that the time is not yet when progressive-minded people can forget the fact that democracy fought in Spain, nor can they overlook the fact that we must not allow it to be obliterated now."

Miss Dorothy Andrews, YWCA secretary, declared that "we Americans are only worthy of our own traditions if we do everything in our power to halt this bloodshed that is Franco's revenge against those who struggled to keep Spain democratic."

### HORRIBLE FASCIST EXAMPLE

"Franco's reprisals against Republicans in Spain, to my mind, form one of the most horrible manifestations of fascism," she declared, "proving that it will stop at nothing in its attempt to destroy every remnant of democracy in the countries it has overpowered."

Mr. Channing Tobias, a member of the National Board of the Young Men's Christian Association, declared that had the Franco government actually maintained peaceful, constructive plans for the future of Spain "its first act would have been to make plain to the world that it will not visit reprisals upon Spanish citizens for fighting in the interest of their honest convictions."

The Reverend Julie Ayers, assistant minister at the Central Presbyterian Church, declared that he considered "the reported reprisals of the Franco government a denial of the spirit of the Christian religion."

In a four-page leaflet urging America in the "name of decency to say No to Franco's fascist barbarity," the American Friends of Spanish Democracy, 70 Fifth Ave., present the newest phase of Spain's tragedy.

"Pity is not in their dictionary," the leaflet point out, quoting fascist General Queipo de Llano's declaration, "We have struck the work play out of our dictionary."

The American Friends of Spanish Democracy urge the American people to wire or write President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull now, asking our government to take a firm stand against reprisals and join with other governments in securing a place of refuge for the homeless, suffering Spanish people.

## British-Paris Pledge to Aid Greece Seen

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Albania, which Italy claimed did not upset the status quo.

3. A formal statement that Britain will regard any threat to the independence or integrity of Greece as of vital concern to Britain, which will support the Greeks in any defensive action they may take.

4. A similar assurance to Turkey, although this may be worded differently.

5. Assurance to parliament that the government is continuing to consult other powers, including the Soviet Union and Rumania, regarding extension of the security bloc.

The strong Anglo-French position was agreed upon tonight after Mussolini failed to give definite assurances on withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain.

France will warn that any tampering with the status quo of the Mediterranean—/— in which France claims interests and space as vital as that of any other power—will be opposed by French arms.

Although the British declaration was expected to use more restrained words than the Paris statement, Britain is bound in the present European set-up to back French commitments of this character.

The marked stiffening in the attitude of Britain and France in the current crisis after indications over the week-end that Chamberlain's "abandoned" appeasement policy was being brought to life again, was believed caused by Mussolini's dilatory tactics regarding performance while giving new assurances and by alarming reports that Rumania would capitulate to Germany unless her security is assured this week.

### BRITISH PEOPLE UNAWARE

A "censorship of silence" kept the British public in ignorance of Rumania's eleventh-hour appeal for protection and of Rumania's fears based on the presence of 300,000 Hungarian troops, massed on one frontier while 100,000 Bulgarian soldiers menaced her on another.

Official communiques in Rome announced that Italy had "assured" Greece of friendship and that this pledge had been "gratefully received." Another official announcement stated that Mussolini had conferred with his commander in Spain on a date to "withdraw Italian troops."

In Berlin, Dr. Anger, organ of the Nazi Labor Front, attacked President Roosevelt in as vicious an attack on the head of the United States government as has been made abroad for decades. He was accused of fomenting war for personal reasons and private gain and the language used was unrestrained.

There was a definite worsening of conditions in eastern Europe, where France feared early operations against Rumania, either through Hungary or Bulgaria. The British seemed more inclined to expect the next Nazi blow against Poland.

### MAY WEAKEN STATEMENT

Active consultations continued between British and French diplomats and the representatives of Rumania and Poland, in which the Soviet Union was kept informed.

The British cabinet will meet early tomorrow to put Chamberlain's statement in final form and to decide whether to extend the pledge to Rumania.

The possibility exists, however, that the cabinet, instead of strengthening the statement by including Rumania may weaken it and submit to parliament the feeble outline of British policy outlined on Monday.

This draft omitted any pledge to Greece and Turkey and merely stated the British view that any aggression upsetting the status quo in the Mediterranean would be regarded as an "unfriendly act." It also put much emphasis on assurances from Mussolini that Italy would not use Albania as a base for further adventures and would withdraw her troops from Spain after the Madrid "victory parade," scheduled for May 2.

This version was a triumph for the "appeasers" in the cabinet, including Chamberlain, who still felt that Italy could be detached from Germany if nothing were done to "offend" Mussolini. The "appeasers" were obliged to retreat when supporters of the government informed Chamberlain the British voters would not swallow any more promises from Mussolini. At the same time France became more impatient and demanded that Britain take a stronger stand and support the Balkan powers.

### British Royalty Don Gas Masks In Air Raid Drill

WINDSOR, April 12 (UP).—Queen Elizabeth, the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose and the Duke and Duchess of Kent participated in the first air raid drill at Windsor Castle today.

The royal family and approximately 500 members of the castle staff donned gas masks and hurried to the dunge-ns which have been converted into reinforced gas and bomb proof shelters when the warning siren sounded.

### 'Stop-Hitler' Rally

A "Stop Hitler" mass meeting is being called for Thursday evening, April 13th, at 8, in the auditorium of the Slovak-Sokol Hall, 358 Morris Ave., Newark.

The meeting, under the auspices of the Communist Party of Essex County, will give the people of Newark an opportunity to express their opposition to fascist aggression and to take action against it.

## Unity With USSR Can Save Peace, Says Lloyd George

PWLLHELI, Wales, April 12 (UP).—Only a definite military understanding between Great Britain and the Soviet Union can forestall another early territorial raid by Germany or Italy or both, David Lloyd George declared today.

The British world war premier heaped biting sarcasm on the "peace in our time" policy of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and begged the people not to "allow this great country to be made a laughing stock in any tongue."

His blistering denunciation of temporizing tactics was made in an address to his constituents in this seaport on Cardigan Bay.

The supreme and infallible test of whether Chamberlain means business, he said, lies in the Prime Minister's attitude toward an understanding with the Soviet Union that she join her forces with those of Britain and France at the first aggressive act by Adolf Hitler or Mussolini.

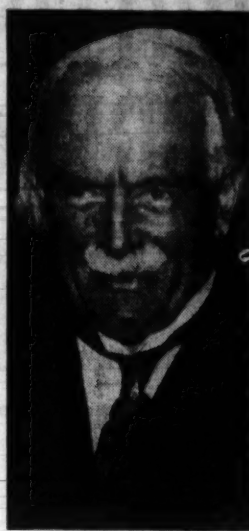
"Unless Russia comes in," Lloyd George said of Chamberlain's efforts to line up a peace front, "it is idle to invite Rumania, Greece and Yugoslavia to risk their lives on any promises made by the two powers which so disgracefully abandoned Austria, Czechoslovakia and Albania to the rapine of the dictators."

"I predict that if an understanding with Russia were established immediately, neither of the dictators would move."

"I am certain that Russia will not come in with us unless she were given definite assurance that Britain and France would act, not merely talk. She will, I am sure, not join any mere shadding alliance such as we have been accustomed to recently."

"An anti-aggression alliance with Russia would mean that the greatest army in the world, with infinite resources behind it and the finest air force in the world, would be acting on the frontiers we could not hope to reach."

The 76-year-old statesman said



LLOYD GEORGE

## Tunis Unity 65 Out of 100 Grows to Fight Favor Boycott Of Nazi Goods

Communists, S. P. Meet to Demand Paris Resist Mussolini

PARIS, April 12 (ICN).—Tunis—one of the main objects of Mussolini's present demands, against France—is seeing a remarkable development among the working forces for anti-fascist unity.

At a joint meeting of the Socialist and Communist Parties in the important town of Bizerta where France's strongest North African base is located, at the end of March, speaker after speaker declared their unshakable determination to prevent any concessions being made to Italian fascism, even if only in the form of diplomatic conversations.

The Communists and Socialists of the Tunisian port of Ferryville, passed a resolution at a joint meeting expressing satisfaction with the moves towards united working class action, and declared this to be the prelude to organizational unity, "the only barrier against the fascist menace to world peace."

It was decided to appeal to the Socialist and Communist leadership for the whole of Tunis to extend and develop united action.

The Bizerta Committee of the Popular Front unanimously passed a resolution of greetings to the Spanish Republican sailors and refugees who arrived there with the fleet. They declared: "Our organization will see to it that the enemies of the Republic and the Tunisian people, shall not be able to carry out their plans of hatred and repression against the refugees."

"We shall see to it also that the refugees are humanely treated and allowed to determine their future as the free men they are and must not cease to be."

At the same time, another resolution was passed: "We ask the Government of the French Republic to immediately use its influence with the Burgos Government to obtain an end to the bloody reprisals carried out against the Republican combatants and civilians who have fallen into its power."

## Rumania Rallies More Troops at Hungary's Threat

BUCHAREST, Rumania, April 12 (UP).—A growing strain in relations between Rumania and Hungary caused the Bucharest government to order additional strengthening of its forces on the western border today.

The tension appeared to have originated from violent attacks on Rumania by the Hungarian press. One newspaper published a report of a Hungarian claim to the city of Brasov which is near the center of post-war Rumania.

Paris Vets Rip Swastikas BESANCON, France, April 12 (UP).—War veterans flanked by several hundred young persons, tore swastika flags from the cars of several German tourists today.

## French Labor Will Sacrifice For Defense

CGT Leader Says, However, It Will Not Carry Full Load

(Intercontinental News)

PARIS, April 12.—The French working class has never refused cooperation necessary to assure the security of the country, but on the other hand will not accept sacrifices demanded of it alone, Benoit Frachon, Secretary of the General Confederation of Labor, declared March 28th in an article in L'Humanite, Communist Party organ.

Collective security of the peaceful states for resistance to the aggressors is the effective means of defense of peace and liberty advocated by labor, Frachon, leading Communist trade unionist, declared.

This declaration was echoed by Raymond Bothereau, another C.G.T. Secretary, in Le Peuple, the C.G.T. organ.

"It is still not too late today, after the March events in Europe, and despite the outcome of the Spanish war, for the resolute unity and categorical 'no' of the countries which wish to avoid the fascist yoke, finally to be used mostly, if needed, in labor battalions, thus releasing additional Frenchmen for army service."

In drafting parallel declarations of anti-aggression policy France and Britain once again affirmed their common front, despite the fact that Britain is moving much slower than France would like. But Daladier again acceded to Chamberlain's desire to avoid an open break with Rome in the hope that eventually Mussolini can be swung by persuasion into a policy of collaboration.

There is not the slightest doubt, however, that the secret military precautions of the realistic French are directed against firstly Italy and secondly Germany.

## Chinese Break Enemy Lines, Hit Invaders' Rear

Attack Japanese in a Dozen Cities Along Strategic Lung Hai Rail Line; Foe Admits Severe Pressure

SHANGHAI, Thursday, April 13 (UP).—Strong units of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist armies which have filtered through the loosely held Japanese lines into Honan and Kiangsu provinces today attacked Japanese garrisons in a dozen cities.

The Chinese claimed they had captured the Kaifeng railway station and were attacking Japanese in the streets of the strategic Lung-Hai Railway city after having slain six members of the Japanese-controlled Kaifeng "pacification commission."

Japanese admitted that a Chinese army armed with trench mortars and machine guns, began a mass attack on Kaifeng at 6 A. M. yesterday.

South of Kaifeng the Chinese said they were surrounding a Japanese garrison in the walled town of Tung-hsu.

The Chinese claimed they had more than 400,000 soldiers, split into flying columns which operate chiefly at night, behind the Japanese lines. Units were scattered over a long semi-circular front extending from a point near Hangchow, south of Shanghai, around Nanking and northward to the Lung-hai railway zone.

Japanese forces driving southward along the Hankow-Canton railway towards Changsha, capital of Hunan province, and a key to Generalissimo Chiang's Hengyang Triangle which defends his southwest defense area and the munitions highway from Chungking into British Burma.

The Japanese also admitted guerrilla attacks in Manchukuo. In Kirin province, the Domei News Agency reported, hundreds of Chinese irregulars attacked the village of Tapuchiao Friday and a nearby settlement on Monday. The guerrillas burned the Tapuchiao village offices before they were repulsed.

Air raid precautions were put into effect in Kagoshima and other Kyushu cities in Japan proper throughout last week indicating fear of the revived Chinese air force.

In reporting the daring Chinese attack on Kaifeng, a chief seat of Japanese administration in the Central Lung-hai railway area, the Chinese said that guerrillas filtered into Kaifeng Sunday and shot six pro-Japanese Chinese leaders during a meeting of the local "Pacification Committee."

LONDON, April 12 (UP).—The government today earmarked \$300,000 pounds sterling (\$14,040,000) for China which will be drawn from the special fund of 10,000,000 pounds at the disposal of the exports credits department.

### PROBE FRANCO MOVES

This is because under the Franco-British plan for coordinated military action France assumes the task of crushing Italy by land, sea and air while Britain neutralizes Germany's land, sea and air forces. It would be France's first job in case of general war to destroy the Italian fleet with the aid of the British Mediterranean fleet.

Combined French and British warships now at war stations in the Mediterranean outnumber the entire Italian navy by about 40 per cent.

With the possibility of having to protect a third frontier—that with Franco Spain—France today began a rapid inquiry to determine the authenticity of reports of elaborate fortifications in Spanish Morocco facing French Morocco, the concentration of Spanish Fascist troops just south of the Pyrenees and the arrival of further Italian officers in Spain dressed in civilian clothes.

French-Spanish relations reached greater tension than at any time since French recognition of the Burgos government.

## Nazi Slanders Of FDR Reach New Low Point

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gered by the way in which you play your role as head of the state for war and war mongering."

The Voelksicher Beobachter, Hitler's own paper and official organ of the Nazi party, surveying the possibility of a British guarantee to Greece and Turkey, said:

"The Anglo-Polish promise of mutual assistance costs England nothing as it is not in a position to practice or live up to this promise. England—and that must be emphasized over and over again—cannot send a single battalion to Poland."

"If England, however, enters upon an agreement for assistance with Greece and Turkey then the British Mediterranean fleet is exposed to certain risks. In case of armed conflict the British Mediterranean fleet, although it can reckon with support by the French navy, must reckon that from the first day of hostilities Gibraltar might be closed, thus cutting off the British Mediterranean fleet from the homeland."

## Mine Explosion Kills Fourteen German Workers

BERLIN, April 12 (UP).—Fourteen men were killed and many were injured in a coal mine explosion Tuesday near Saxe Altenburg in the state of Thuringia, an official announcement said today.

Clipper in England SOUTHAMPTON, England, April 12 (UP).—The Yankee Clipper, Pan American flying boat, making a shakedown flight preparatory to establishing trans-Atlantic service, returned here today from Foynes, Ireland.

Nazis Mistrust Czechs PRAGUE, April 12 (UP).—Conscription was abolished today throughout Bohemia and Moravia, part of the former republic of Czechoslovakia.

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# Assail New Milk Law As Tool of Trusts at State Public Hearing

3,000 Farmers at Albany Session Protest Nunan-Allen Bill Which Would Give Monopolists Control of Price-Fixing; ALP Demands Minimum Level

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, April 12.—Efforts to revive the Rogers-Allen law whereby the Milk Trust was permitted to pay low prices to the farmer and charge high prices to the consumer, were vigorously opposed at a public hearing in Albany today by up-state dairy farmers and organizations representing labor and consumers.

## New 'Red-Hunt' Bill Introduced in State Senate

Feld Measure Is Akin to Devaney, McNaboe Pro-Fascist Acts

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, April 12.—The companion to State Senator Devaney's so-called "anti-radical" bill was introduced in the Senate yesterday by A. Spencer Feld, Democrat, of New York City.

Assembly action on the Devaney measure has been postponed to next Monday night. The bill ostensibly bars from civil service and teaching positions anyone charged with advocating governmental overthrow but has been exposed as being aimed at all political beliefs of a progressive character.

The Senate Codes Committee favorably reported a McNaboe bill which makes it a felony for two or more persons to seek orally or in writing to deprive others of their constitutional rights.

McNaboe has falsely claimed that progressive organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the C. I. O., the American League for Peace and Democracy, as well as all anti-fascists, are enemies of the constitution.

## Big Shot Con Man, Wanted in Jersey, Held in Mexico

EL CENTRO, Calif., April 12 (UP).—Dr. Otto Benjamin Leo, Ritter, 42, international confidence man sought since he escaped a police trap early in March, was reported tonight to have been captured at Nogales, Mexico.

He is wanted by Federal authorities for alleged immigration irregularities and by New Jersey on a swindling charge.

## ALP Discusses Housing

Rabbi Miller of the City-Wide Tenants Council will speak on "Housing on the East Side and the New Housing Project," at 80 Pitt St., headquarters of the 4th A.D. Branch of the American Labor Party. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13th at 8:30 P.M.

Bernard Harkavy, member of the Local School Board, will be the chairman.

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## Ask Budget Rise for Social Needs of City

Board of Estimate Meet Jammed; Union Leaders Take Floor

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Schechter, of the United Parents Association.

Abraham Bloomberg, of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, asked the Board of Estimate to give special consideration to the need of more employees in the Department of Welfare to take care of aged dependents.

Morris Berlin, of the same union, lead off in the discussion about the Department of Hospitals budget.

He lauded the action of the Mayor in increasing the hospital expense account \$2,000,000.

"But we need more attendants," he said and asked for 1,000 new hospital helpers, a four-week vacation each year for employees and additional funds for food.

Luciel McGorkey, speaking for the hospital section of the union, asked for money for more nurses.

Dr. S. S. Goldwater, Hospital Commissioner, said he agreed with Miss McGorkey that while improvements had been made and the nursing staff had been increased, the hospitals were still understaffed.

The entire afternoon was taken up with discussion of the education budget.

Dr. Bella Dodd, representing the Teachers Union, said that the "spirit of the school system" had improved.

She opposed a reduction of \$134,988 from a requested sum for adult education.

She suggested that the Board of Estimate go to Albany in a body and fight against a proposal in the legislature to cut \$9,000,000 from state aid to local education.

The hearing will continue this afternoon at 2:30.

## Report Lashes Defeatism in Harlem Schools

Despair Is Result to Youth, Says Urban League Survey

"The despair and tragedy of Harlem today is its vast army of young men and young women, unemployed, adrift, lolling about street corners, no place to go to, nothing to do," says a summary statement of the New York Urban League's report for 1938, just issued.

The report places a large share of responsibility for this state of affairs "at the door of those institutions established for the education and training" of Negro youth. It takes to task those educators who maintain "a defeatist policy" regarding the education of Negro young people.

"Some educators have said in effect," the report declares, "since the door of industry is closed to you, there is no justifiable reason why you should prepare yourself for that which does not exist. This attitude has served to keep our Negro youth unprepared for technical and skilled jobs."

## Fair to Be Safe For Child's Health Says City Director

Parents bringing children to the World's Fair may feel comparatively secure that the youngsters will be safe from the common diseases of childhood while in New York City.

"The fact that we have not had a single death from measles," said Health Commissioner John L. Rice yesterday, "since the first week in July of 1938; only 11 deaths from diphtheria since the beginning of the current year; only nine deaths from scarlet fever and only 15 deaths from whooping cough in the 14 weeks just closed indicates that New York City is unusually free from childhood diseases at this time. And with the coming of warmer weather it is safe to assume that conditions will become even better."

## Secret Service Smashes Big Gold Conspiracy

WASHINGTON, April 12 (UP).—The U. S. secret service tonight claimed to have smashed an extensive conspiracy to sell stolen gold to the Federal Government.

The arrest of 11 persons on the West Coast and one in New York was announced following a series of raids by Federal agents, aided by local police.

## Labor Rally in Newark

A mass meeting on the subject "In Defense of Labor" will be held at the New Krueger Auditorium, 25 Belmont Ave., Newark, on Friday evening, April 21st at 8:30. Liberal and labor organizations of northern New Jersey are collaborating in this meeting which is sponsored by the American League for Peace and Democracy.

## Sen. Lewis Honored at State Funeral

WASHINGTON, April 12 (UP).—The United States Senate, in the presence of President Roosevelt and the highest officials of the government, conducted an impressive state funeral today for one of its most colorful and beloved members—James Hamilton Lewis, 75-years-old Illinois Democrat.

Members of the cabinet, justices of the Supreme Court, the House of Representatives, the diplomatic corps and the chiefs of the armed services gathered in the dignified Senate chambers to honor the man they knew affectionately as "Jim Ham."

It was the 15th state funeral in the Senate since 1866, and the first since that of Sen. Joseph T. Robinson, D., Ark., who died in July, 1937. Lewis, famous for his political wisdom, his red whiskers, faultless dress and flowery oratory, died last Sunday of heart disease.

## McKesson Co. Receiver Held For Tax Dodge

Indicted Official Was Appointed by U. S. Judge Thomas

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 12 (UP).—Abraham Weissman, attorney who last December was appointed co-receiver for McKesson & Robbins, Inc., today was ordered to appear for trial May 15 on charges of conspiracy to avoid payment of federal income tax.

Weissman and Meyer E. Bailey, accountant accused of making out false returns for Weissman and his wife, were arrested on federal warrants issued after a Grand Jury returned sealed indictments last night. Bailey also was ordered to trial May 15. Bonds for each were set at \$3,000.

The indictments charged that Weissman, between January, 1933, and March 15, 1934, had an income of \$40,464.28. Minus allowable deductions of \$4,793.84, the net income amounted to \$35,670.44 on which a tax of \$3,278.40 was due. Weissman, according to the information, claimed a gross income of \$22,009.28 with a net of \$18,215.44 on which a tax of \$1,327.79 was paid.

Evidence against Weissman and Bailey was presented to the Grand Jury by U. S. Attorney John T. Cahill of New York and the indictments were returned before Judge Carroll C. Hincks.

Weissman, one of many witnesses before the New York Grand Jury which investigated McKesson & Robbins affairs, was appointed co-receiver for the drug company by Judge Edwin S. Thomas whose resignation from the federal bench was accepted today by President Roosevelt.

## Minn. Univ. to Hold Labor Parley April 17

(Special to the Daily Worker) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 12.—Representatives of labor, government and industry will discuss the problems of labor at the University of Minnesota's annual labor conference, April 17-20. The conference will be highlighted by the appearance of Roger Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, Noel Sargent of the National Association of Manufacturers, and other prominent speakers.

Herbert Heston, professor of economic history at the University of Minnesota, will deliver the keynote address Monday afternoon, April 17, speaking on "The Economic Background of the Labor Movement." He will be followed Monday evening by Elmo Roper, conductor of the Fortune Survey, who will discuss "What the Public Thinks of Labor and What Labor Thinks of Its Job."

Roger Baldwin and Noel Sargent will speak at the Tuesday afternoon session. Baldwin will discuss "The Civil Rights of Labor," and Sargent will present industry's viewpoint in his topic, "Labor—and the Employers' Rights."

"Can Labor Be United?" will be the topic for the Tuesday evening discussion by representatives of three important factions of labor. George Lawson, executive secretary of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor and member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, will present the case for the A. F. of L. Mark Starr, educational director and assistant to David Dubinsky of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, will speak for the independent unions. The C. I. O. will be represented by Joe Van Nordstrand, president of the Minnesota State C. I. O. and former steel workers' organizer.

## Harvard Scholarship

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 12 (UP).—Fifteen Harvard students today received a war-torn \$6,325 for study in the university's various graduate schools next year.

## Whalen Office To Be Picketed For Race Bias

24-Hour Demonstration Starts Today at Empire State Bldg.

Twenty-four hours picketing of Grover Whalen's office in the Empire State Building begins at 11:30 this morning, according to the Greater New York Coordinating Committee on Employment, in protest against the anti-Negro policy of hiring employees for the World's Fair.

Picketing will be at the 33rd St., Fifth Ave., and 34th St. entrances.

The Coordinating Committee charges that Whalen, who is president of the Fair Corporation, has ignored requests of persons and organizations to change the discriminatory policy or openly to express himself regarding it.

There has been a daily picket line at the entrances of the Empire State Building for the past two weeks. Never before, however, has there been what the Committee calls the "death watch."

The Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., is chairman of the Greater New York Coordinating Committee. The Rev. William Lloyd Innes is co-chairman and Arnold Johnson is secretary. Mrs. Audley Moore, representing the Consolidated Tenants League, is organizer of the pickets. The Committee's headquarters is the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 W. 138th St.

## City Menaced By Lockout of Mine Bosses

Mayor to Appear Before Mine Negotiators' Parley Today

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been deadlocked. Lewis also charged that outside interests, utility, railroad and non-union steel firms, were pressing the negotiating operators against settling.

"The conference endured another fruitless day without concessions or results," Lewis said, last night. "An hour of the morning conference was consumed by the operators in caucus. We naturally assumed that they would make known the results of their conference, but were disappointed."

IT'S A LOCKOUT

In his reply to Lewis, O'Neill referred to the standstill in coal production since April 1 as a "strike." "That's only one of the weird things they believe in," Lewis said. "The miners believe they are locked out. They have all along offered to work on the basis of the old contract pending negotiations."

To this O'Neill countered with the claim that operators are willing to operate by renewal of the old agreement.

"But the mine workers decline union complete recognition of the union is granted," Lewis shot back. "And upon that issue the mines are idle," O'Neill conceded.

Meanwhile the coal operators appeared to feel that the finger is upon them for the gulf in the menacing coal shortage. The National Coal Association issued a statement claiming that "there is no fuel famine now in sight." The statement cites as basis the report that on March 1, there was a 39 day supply on hand for the entire nation. The report for April 1 is not yet available, the statement declared, but cited telegraphic reports from several points in the country on coal supplies available.

The Association's statement concluded with an admission that its "factual statement" was gotten up to counter the reports of coal shortage now coming from many cities and industries.

"The purpose of the foregoing factual statement is to ally public apprehension with respect to the nation's fuel supply and coal shortage," the statement declared, "an apprehension which some public statements in the past few days have been calculated to engender."

As against this the mine workers point to the pleas now pouring in daily complaining of coal shortages. West Point reported a supply of only five days.

## CAPITAL POWER SUPPLY MENACED

WASHINGTON, April 12 (UP).—The treasury said today that the Federal Government faces a soft coal shortage as result of the deadlock between bituminous operators and union miners who have been attempting unsuccessfully to negotiate a new contract.

The Capitol power plant, which requires 200 tons of soft coal a day and cannot burn anthracite, has only a five day supply on hand, officials said.

The central government heating plant, which heats all other government buildings, has only 10 days supply available. It consumes 400 tons daily.

Principal fear was expressed for marine hospitals operated by the United States public health service in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Eastern Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia.

## New Pamphlet Out Friday FROM SOCIALISM TO COMMUNISM



By JOSEPH STALIN

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS

The first printing of the most vital pamphlet of a decade, Joseph Stalin's "From Socialism to Communism in the Soviet Union," will be on sale here Friday. The price of the pamphlet is 5 cents and an original printing of 175,000 has been ordered. The pamphlet is the full text of Stalin's report to the 18th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. A total distribution goal of 250,000 has been set. The pamphlet contains 64 pages.

## Expects Baby; Faces Court For Sentence

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tences included his ordering a mother to thrash her child last May.

Neither Mrs. Biancarti's condition, or her four small children, or her sick husband had any effect upon the judge who ordered the young woman fingerprinted and then told her to send her children to a home and be prepared to serve a jail sentence.

Attorney Joseph Brill, 233 Broadway, who happened to be in the court when the unfortunate woman's case came up, took over the case and pleaded with the judge to display leniency when the case was heard last Tuesday. The judge insulted the lawyer along with persons on relief and declared:

"We're trying to prevent disorders in the home relief bureaus." Turning to Attorney Christopher G. Coleman, of the Department of Public Welfare, who indicated that the Home Relief Bureau was perfectly willing to drop the case altogether, recommending probation because of her condition, the magistrate snarled:

THE RECORD SHOWS—

"I want someone here who will show some backbone. Don't beat around the bush. Send someone of authority. Do you think a jail sentence would jeopardize an unborn child?"

In a sentence which horrified the city last May, this same Judge Overton Harris ordered Mrs. Mary Bradley, a widow, to "Get a paddie, bore holes in it and make welts on your body. You'll have to prove to me that he has been severely thrashed."

The Biancartis have been on relief for nearly three years. Andrew Biancarti, 34-year-old father of the small brood, suffers from high blood pressure, kidney trouble and heart disease. The four children are Anthony, 5½, Joyce, 4, Andrew, 2½, and Lucille, 1½. Mrs. Biancarti is expecting her next child in June.

"There is no more fundamental Party work than the building of the Daily Worker"—Earl Browder.

## PHILA. SETS 3,500 C.P.S.U. BOOK GOAL

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—The campaign to distribute 3,500 copies of the History of the C.P.S.U. is moving forward with military precision in Philadelphia, according to word from Sam Darcy, district organizer of Eastern Pennsylvania.

"We divided our sale into three periods of roughly a thousand copies each. The first period was completed with the Party Builders' Congress on April 1st. The first thousand books were sold almost without effort."

"We are now in the second period during which we are organizing classes in the HISTORY OF THE C.P.S.U. And already over 300 copies of the second thousand have been sold. I feel confident that we will sell this thousand without any great difficulty either. We are scheduled to complete the sale of the second thousand by May 1st."

Up to date, Eastern Pennsylvania has completed 37 per cent of its

## Hague Defeat Main Issue in Bayonne Vote

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BAYONNE, N. J., April 12.—Mayor Hague is the big issue which sharply divides the major tickets in the election race for the five men city commission taking place here in the south end of Hudson County on May 9.

Progressive forces are gearing for the contest, and the determination to keep Hague rule out of Bayonne through defeat of his chosen bracket led by Mayor Donohue is steadily gaining strength it appears.

The Fusion anti-Hague ticket, composed of four Democrats and one Republican, includes Henry Murphy, who was a leader of the famous 1921 Tide Water Oil strike. While he is now a clerk in the District Court through civil service, he remains popular with the workers.

A third slate will probably be on the ballot, this made up of so-called "independent" candidates, purporting to be also anti-Hague. This ticket seems a deliberate maneuver by Hague a strategy board, and can only serve to split and confuse the voters.

The Labor Party League, not long organized, is planning to become an effective factor in the campaign. It has not placed any candidates in the field, and at this writing is interviewing the candidates as to their positions on its excellent program. The signs point towards endorsement of the Fusion slate.

Meanwhile, as the campaign moves down the home stretch, the various political clubs which are announcing their support of the Fusion candidates, vehemently denounce Hague. The Progressive Republican League's declaration reads:

"To prevent Hague's strong-arm police methods from interfering with labor's rights to organize within the bounds of the constitution." Leaders of political clubs who have found it profitable to tie with Hague are now discovering that wholesale splits are occurring among their memberships on the Hague question.

At present, a labor board mediator is attempting to bring about a settlement. Earnings have been averaging about \$11 to \$14 for a full week's work since the Wages and Hours Bill went into effect.

This strike is the culmination of a five year struggle to better conditions in the plant.

In addition to the low earnings the workers are not allowed to check their own finished work or weigh on its weight, and charge that often they are not credited with full production. The workers now in the shop are all fast and experienced, as Mr. Hirsch fired all who could not keep up with the legal minimum when the Wages and Hours Act went into effect.

Gold Pours Into U. S. WASHINGTON, April 12 (UP).—The stampede of capital from Europe brought \$365,436,437 worth of gold to this country in March, the heaviest inflow for any month since the Munich crisis last fall.

Willard Huntington Wright, who used the pen name S. S. Van Dine to write a series of mystery novels based on his detective creation, Philo Vance, died of coronary thrombosis at his apartment last night, it was learned today.

Battleships, cruisers, aircraft carriers, mine sweepers and destroyers with a personnel of 47,000 officers and men anchored at 6 A.M.

## Torrio Gets Off Easy With 2 1/2 Year Jail Term

Mobster King Sentenced in Federal Court on Tax Evasions

"Terribly Johnny" Torrio, king of the underworld, was tapped on the wrist with a two-and-a-half-year prison sentence in Federal Court yesterday and promised that "from now on I am going to be a good boy."

The man whose machine gun law allegedly ruled the major racket mobs of the prohibition era stood trial for 18 days on a charge of dodging federal income taxes in the amount of \$86,000 and then, last Monday, changed his plea to guilty.

Evidence introduced at the trial showed that Torrio dominated an illegal rum syndicate which controlled liquor smuggling on the Eastern seaboard. Al Capone, Dutch Schultz, Lucky Luciano and the rest of the big shots in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Detroit gangdom took orders from the "Little Fellow." It is understood that had the trial continued, Torrio's connections with Tammany Hall figures, with corrupt Brooklyn political circles and with the McKesson & Robbins Wall Street scandal would have been brought out by government witnesses.

GETS OFF EASY

With time off for good behavior, the sentence handed down by Federal Judge John W. Clancy, may mean serving considerably less than two years. Torrio was also placed "on probation" for ten years. The \$100,000 cash bond put up for him by his wife when he was first arrested was turned over to the government to satisfy the tax claim.

Two of Torrio's co-defendants who pleaded guilty with the boss were also sentenced. William Stockblower, the gangster's brother-in-law, was given a suspended sentence of a year and a day and James LaPenna, one-time millionaire liquor dealer, was sentenced to nine months in prison.

The two other co-defendants, John D'Agostino and Louis LaCava, were granted a mistrial and are free on \$5,000 bond each waiting a new trial. The quartet was charged with conspiracy in Torrio's income tax evasion.

## Button Plant Strike Solid In 4th Week

240 Still Out, AFL Union Demand Recognition; Certified by NLRB

Two-hundred forty—all but five—of the workers of Leo H. Hirsch & Co., pearl button manufacturers at 310 East 22nd Street, are solid in the fourth week of their strike, in answer to a lockout by the employer.

They are demanding recognition of their union, Federal Local 18758, Pearl Button Workers' Union, A. F. of L., which was certified as the representative of the workers in the shop in an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, a 20 per cent raise in piece-work rates, and for a steady work week.

Many previous attempts have been made to improve working conditions, but in every case in the past the company has been able, by intimidation and coercion, to prevent union action by all the workers. Even this time, after more than 80 per cent of the workers voted for Local 18758, the firm tried to break up the organization by a promise of steady work and a 10 per cent raise to those who would leave the union. No one accepted, and the union recruited the other workers as an answer to this tactic.

At present, a labor board mediator is attempting to bring about a settlement. Earnings have been averaging about \$11 to \$14 for a full week's work since the Wages and Hours Bill went into effect.

This strike is the culmination of a five year struggle to better conditions in the plant.

In addition to the low earnings the workers are not allowed to check their own finished work or weigh on its weight, and charge that often they are not credited with full production. The workers now in the shop are all fast and experienced, as Mr. Hirsch fired all who could not keep up with the legal minimum when the Wages and Hours Act went into effect.

Gold Pours Into U. S. WASHINGTON, April 12 (UP).—The stampede of capital from Europe brought \$365,436,437 worth of gold to this country in March, the heaviest inflow for any month since the Munich crisis last fall.

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## Court Blasts Anti-Union 'Partnership'

Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Cruff yesterday denied an injunction against the Cooks and Assistants Union, Local 328, asked by the management of the Chinatown Inn, 1557 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn.

The employers had contended that their enterprise was a "Chinese partnership," by which they meant, that the several employees had contributed various amounts of money to open the establishment, and, as a result, were paid equal salaries and, in addition, amounts in proportion to their contribution to the general fund.

Justice Cruff supported the union's contention that this was a trick to circumvent existing labor laws, such as workmen's compensation, declaring:

"I think that the whole arrangement is a scheme—simple to construct, in effect, seriously destructive—born of a desire to reduce overhead by seeking to avoid employers' financial responsibility; and more important, to win for this enterprise the labor law immunities which surround a 'one-man business'."

## Browder Talks At B'klyn Rally On April 21

Cacchione to Be Speaker at Academy of Music Meeting

Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, and Peter V. Cacchione, former Councilman candidate for Kings County, will speak at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Lafayette St., on Friday, April 21, at 8:30 P. M.

In view of the deepening world crisis, Browder has chosen "American Foreign Policy and the Struggle for World Peace" as his topic of discussion. Cacchione will deal with Brooklyn issues and will emphasize particularly the reasons for the widespread corruption being unearthed by Special Prosecutor John Harlin Allen.

Cacchione revealed this morning that he has been delegated by Browder to arrange for a debate between the Communist Party leader and the Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, of the International Catholic Truth Society. After a Boston debate with Granville Hicks last week, Father Curran stated that he was ready to debate Browder, who had expressed a desire, a long time ago, to share a platform with him.

Also on the program on April 21 will be the Flatbush Art Players, who will present the skit "Four Italian Angels," from the Theatre Arts Committee review, and two sketches from Mark Bittstein's "I've Got the Tune."

by the former republic will be unpacked and placed.

LaGuardia said that the group sponsoring the Czech exhibit at the Fair will be known as the Committee for Czechoslovakian Participation at the World's Fair.

SHOTWELL ON COMMITTEE

Robert J. Caldwell will be the executive chairman and business manager of the enterprise.

Officers on the committee are S. F. Machacek, secretary, and Karel Hudecek, former Czech Consul-General in New York, treasurer.

On the executive committee are Walter E. Hope, Professor James T. Shotwell and Mrs. Lena Madeson Phillips.

The Mayor said the names of members of the general committee sponsoring the anti-fascist exhibit will be announced today by Mr. Finley.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, the Mayor said, will serve on the committee.

Special committees have been set up in Chicago and Cleveland to aid the anti-Hitler exhibit.

Among the leading Czech-Americans on the Mayor's committee are: Mrs. Libbie Notha, Mrs. J. Vaneek, Mr. William Schwanda, Mrs. Frances Heil, Rev. Dr. Svoboda, Rev. Dr. Paul Slavik, Mr. Miroslav Svec, Mrs. Anna Notha, Mr. Rudolph Welk, Mr. John Hybl, Mr. William Horky.

Fleet's In

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## Public Aid Is Duty of Gov't, Corsi Declares

Welfare Commissioner Hits Tory Relief Cuts at Rally

"Public aid is a permanent responsibility of government" functioning "as an insurance of our democracy," Edward Corsi, First Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Welfare of New York City, told a meeting sponsored by the Queensboro Council for Social Welfare Wednesday evening.

Corsi, appealing for support of the Greater New York Fund, pointed to the economic insecurity faced by 70 per cent of our American families with incomes below the minimum annual budget of \$1,750 estimated to be necessary to support a family of four persons, the inability of our economic system to provide work for the millions of jobless, and the fact that 22,000,000 individuals are now dependent upon public charity.

Calling on the legislature to pass health and housing legislation, the commissioner declared such measures paid dividends even from the narrowest financial point of view. "In any one month, in this state," he said, "over 136,000 men, women and children are dependent on home relief because the wage earners lost their jobs through illness. The approximate cost of this burden is over \$22,000,000 annually. A sound health insurance program would drastically reduce this financial burden."

The tenements "cost us incalculable sums," he declared, "in the sickness, the immorality, the incendiarism and the accidents that stem from these foul buildings. . . . The financial savings alone would be so great that we cannot afford to avoid passing housing legislation immediately."

Corsi scored tory demands for a cut in welfare expenditures. "Even those who advocate this false economy know, or should know, what cutting already minimum subsistence relief allowances will mean."

## Alliance Quota For Spain Aid Is Doubled

Raise Pledge to



## Over 600,000 Pledge To Participate in Huge May Day Parade

Greatest Demonstration in City Seen as 500 Unions, Groups Join United Committee; Phila., Boston Map May Day Plans; New Eng. Cities Active

New York's greatest May Day parade was assured with the release yesterday by the United May Day Committee of the latest tally of credentials received for participation in the parade.

Louis Weinstock, president of the Painters Union District Council No. 9 and chairman of the committee announced that more than 500 trade unions, mass organizations, church groups, peace, language and fraternal societies, with a membership exceeding 600,000 have pledged active participation in the May 1st parade.

In addition to these mass organizations, the committee's survey reveals representation from almost every walk of life in the city and includes organizations heretofore absent from any May Day activities.

A partial review of these credentials show lawyers, doctors, teachers, actors marching side by side with bricklayers, seamen, WPA workers; Germans, Bulgarians, Croats joining hands with Chinese, Japanese; A. F. L. united with C. I. O. trade unionists; tenant organizations and neighborhood groups; students, children, women societies—all providing a mighty pageant of New York labor strength and democratic unity that will dazzle and inspire the thousands who will be here then for the World's Fair.

The committee which was set up as a permanent body as a result of official action at the United May Day Conference Saturday, April 8, made public the following list of credentials which officially pledge participation in the May Day parade.

The following are all A. F. of L. unions: Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union Local 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

## Biggest Drive For Vets To Begin May Day

10,000 Friends to Open Tag Days for Men in Dire Need

One of New York's biggest tag days will be held May Day when 10,000 Friends of the Lincoln Brigade will go into the streets to raise money for the Disabled Veterans' Fund and for the 99 Americans, now held prisoners of Franco, whose release is shortly expected.

All the prisoners are in bad health; many have wounds which have not been treated for months. They are in rags, and complete outfitting for each of them is necessary as soon as they cross the border.

In addition, funds raised through the Tag Day will be used to care for 120 Americans now in LeHavre waiting to untangle passport difficulties. It is expected that some of the men may be forced to remain in France for months.

The Friends of the Lincoln Brigade have been cabling \$2,000 a week to Paris to provide for them, but are now without resources and the French government has threatened to throw the veterans into concentration camps as soon as they cross the border if funds are not forthcoming.

In addition to May First the Friends have also secured a permit for tag days on April 27, 28, 29 and May 2.

## City Employees Win Strike in Larksville, Pa.

LARKSVILLE, Pa., April 12 (UP)—A strike of municipal employees, including police and firemen, ended today with assurance from Burgess Anderson, mayor, of his opposition to threatened pay cuts.

The walkout was believed one of the few if not the first of its kind since the police strike in Boston 20 years ago that brought Calvin Coolidge, then governor of Massachusetts, into national prominence.

The municipal workers voted last night to terminate the strike. The strike was called suddenly after a meeting yesterday, Police Chief Joseph Mock charging that municipal employees had not been paid for five months and that they faced wage cuts and perhaps dismissal as result of budgetary difficulties.

## Rockwell Kent Talk Is Banned in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, April 12 (UP)—Rockwell Kent, famed American painter, was barred from speaking in a Carnegie Institute auditorium last night because his sponsors had been listed as a "Communist-front" organization by the Dies Congressional Committee.

Here to address the League for Peace and Democracy, Kent was forced to transfer the meeting to Webster Hall when Roy D. Ambrose, manager of the institute's building, refused to permit the meeting in an institute auditorium.

## Mrs. Lauer Gets Jail Uniform in Women's Prison

Mrs. Edgar J. Lauer, 58-year-old wife of a State Supreme Court justice, a fashion leader and favorite hostess of the Cosmopolitan set, was confined today in the women's house of detention.

Pending a medical examination to determine her fitness for work, she was in a cell. She had been booked, bathed and given a uniform. She was limited to \$3 a month spending money for candy and cigarettes. She may receive visitors only twice a month for half-hour periods. Good behavior will not reduce her three-month sentence for smuggling because it is for less than six months.

## 60 Cent Conscience

ALBANY, April 12 (UP)—The State Comptroller's office, which occasionally receives anonymous donations from conscience-stricken taxpayers, received 30 two-cent stamps in the mail today.

## Brophy Urges More Support To Guild Strike

Open-Shoppers Push Court Attack on Newspaper Men

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CHICAGO, April 12.—John Brophy, national director of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, has personally issued a second appeal to all local and international unions of the CIO for intensified support for the strike of the Newspaper Guild against the two Chicago Hearst papers.

Pointing to the heavy blows against the newspapers' advertising as a result of the strike, Brophy urged unions against over-confidence. The strike will not be won, he said, until a contract is signed. Meanwhile, panic-stricken at the demonstration of labor solidarity behind the strike, another big advertiser has entered the legal arena against the newspapermen. Goldblatt Department Store, the newest injunction-seeker, has been one of the most active strike-breakers through continuous advertising in the struck papers.

A temporary restraining order enjoining the Guild and three persons—John Doe, Richard Roe and Henry Roe—from picketing Goldblatt's store in Gary and Hammond, Ind., was served Saturday on John Corbett, National Maritime Union picket at Goldblatt's Gary store. The writ is returnable Wednesday, April 12, before Lake County, Ind., Superior Judge Harold L. Strickland at Gary.

## UNITY ON PARADE

In one of Illinois' most effective demonstrations of labor unity, ten Goldblatt stores were either picketed or handbilled Saturday. Members of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee, Farm Equipment Workers Organizing Committee, Oil Workers International Union and National Maritime Union threw mass picket lines around Goldblatt stores in Hammond and Gary, Ind., Joliet, Ill., and two large Chicago stores.

Meanwhile Guild strikers, restrained by a Hearst injunction from picketing advertisers, distributed thousands of handbills in front of five other Goldblatt Chicago stores.

A joint committee of American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization members carried the protest in person to Joseph Goldblatt. On the committee were: Big Wodarsky, PWOC; Mrs. Helene Alinsky, State County and Municipal Workers, CIO; Rubin Bennett, Social Service Organizing Committee, CIO; Sandra Karyl, American Federation of Radio Artists, A. F. of L.; Gene Brady, Hodcarriers Union, A. F. of L.; Art Handle, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, A. F. of L.; Frank Daly, NMU; Terry Kandal, United Office and Professional Workers, CIO; William M. O'Connell, representing George Patterson, SWOC; and John Cirafano, International Woodworkers, CIO.

## To Map B'klyn Housing Drive at Meeting, Apr. 17

The drive for better housing and slum clearance in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn will be pushed forward at a mass meeting on Monday, April 17, the Brooklyn Federation for Better Housing announced today.

Among the speakers scheduled are ALP City Councilmen Louis Hollander and Andrew Armstrong; Charles Abrams, of the N. Y. C. Housing Authority; Councilwoman G. Earle; and a group of officials of the Federation.

The mass meeting will be held at the Greater Bridge Street Church, at Jefferson and Stuyvesant Ave., Brooklyn.

Albert L. Clarke, vice-president of the Federation, said that the meeting would be a means of dramatizing the drive to eliminate one of the worst slum areas in the borough of Brooklyn.

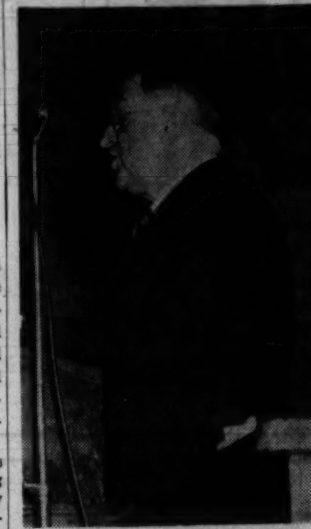
## OFFICE UNION RALLY TONIGHT OPENS 'WHITE-COLLAR' DRIVE

The first mass organizing drive to bring New York's "white-collar" workers under the banner of the CIO will be launched at a giant rally of members of the seven New York City locals of the United Office and Professional Workers of America to be held tonight 7:30 o'clock at Manhattan Center, 24th Street and Eighth Avenue.

Magistrate Dorothy Kenyon will address the rally on "The Need for Trade Unionism in the White Collar Field." Allan Haywood, president of the New York State Industrial Council, will present general organizational problems.

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## Lashes 'Columnists'



JOURNALISM'S PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 was Secretary Ickes' characterization of reactionary columnists featured by Old Deal press. Ickes is shown speaking before the American Newspaper Guild forum in New York. Looking on is the Guild's president, Heywood Brown.

## Cleaners End Strike With 5% Pay Boost

Settlement Provides Mediation of Points Still in Dispute; Work Will Be Resumed Today in Wholesale Shops

Three thousand members of the Cleaners and Dyers Union brought their ten-day-old strike here to a victorious close yesterday in a settlement with the Cleaners and Dyers Board of Trade providing a flat 5 per cent wage increase and mediation of remaining differences.

The agreement provides for continued negotiations for a full union contract to replace last year's pact. Max Meyer of the State Mediation Board will act as impartial mediator and his decision on points of dispute in the contract will be final. The 1,500 members of the union still on strike against hold-out bosses will return to work. The others have already resumed work under individual union contracts which resulted when many of the struck wholesale plants bolted the employer organization's hold-out against an agreement.

## Trial Near In Frameup of B'klyn Negro

John Williams Defense Committee Plans City-Wide Rally

John Williams, the young Negro janitor's assistant and handyman indicted for rape last week by a Brooklyn grand jury, is likely to be brought to trial any day, the John Williams Defense Committee announced last night.

The committee, comprising leaders in various fields of Brooklyn life, met last night to consider ways and means of raising money for the youth's defense, to plan for a city-wide mass meeting and to collect affidavits from persons who maintain that the whole case is a frameup.

Williams is charged with having attacked a young white girl named Irene Richards on December 3rd, last. He was not arrested, however, until Dec. 28, although he had continued working in the neighborhood where the crime allegedly was committed.

Held in the Raymond Street jail since his arrest, Williams was indicted on March 31.

The Defense Committee, organized by the International Labor Defense, is being supported unanimously by Williams' neighbors, all of whom testify to his excellent character and say they believe in his innocence.

## Mitchell Tells DAR to Live Up To Traditions

WASHINGTON, April 12 (UP)—Rep. Arthur W. Mitchell, D., Ill., only Negro in Congress, suggested to the Daughters of the American Revolution today that they should "stop talking so much about Americanism and live the kind of a life that will challenge the admiration of the people."

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## McMahon New TWOC National Representative

Union Fights Any Increase in Velvet Industry Work-Load

Thomas F. McMahon, president of the United Textile Workers of America from 1921 to 1937 and State Labor Commissioner of Rhode Island for the past two years, was designated yesterday by Emil Rieve, executive director, as a national representative of Textile Workers Organizing Committee, CIO affiliate, successor to the UTW in the textile industry.

Mr. Rieve said that Mr. McMahon, who is one of the eight original founders of the Committee for Industrial Organization, will assume his new post next Monday. Mr. McMahon will serve, for the present, in New England, being directly responsible to the national TWOC office. He resides at Cranston, R.I. Mr. McMahon has been in the labor movement for 40 years, occupying various positions of responsibility before becoming president of the UTW. Upon his arrival from Ireland in his youth, Mr. McMahon became a bleacher worker and later was employed in a woolen mill at Westerly, R. I.

## VELVET WORKERS MEET

Textile Workers Organizing Committee will contest any attempt to increase the work-load in the velvet industry, delegates from eleven centers, conferring here with national T.W.O.C. leaders, decided yesterday.

Union delegates expressed the conviction that Cheney Bros., Manchester, Conn., which has announced it will increase the work-load in its velvet branch from two to four looms beginning next Monday, is being used as the spearhead in the campaign by other manufacturers to increase the work-load.

George Baldanzi, assistant executive director, T.W.O.C., advised the delegates that increase of the work-load would only aggravate the present unemployment situation in the velvet industry. He pointed out that simple stocks, at present, do not justify any attempt at speed-up envisaged by the increased work-load advocates among employers. Some delegates predicted that, should the four-loom system go into effect, the mills would not obtain any increased output because the extra load would destroy efficiency.

T.W.O.C., under its contract with Cheney Bros., is demanding arbitration of the company's decision to increase the work-load.

The following velvet centers were represented at the T.W.O.C. conference here: Manchester, Shelton, Norwich, Stonington, Bridgeport, and West Haven, Conn.; New York City, Union City, N. J., Easton and Hazleton, Pa.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 12.—Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, will open a speaking tour of Connecticut here on Sunday, April 16, at the Obeah Grotto Hall.

Hathaway, who will be heard in six Connecticut cities in his series, will lecture on the "Present World Crisis." After leaving Bridgeport, Hathaway will speak on successive days in Stamford, New Haven, New Britain, Waterbury and Hartford, respectively.

In addition to his talk in Waterbury, Hathaway will broadcast for 15 minutes over radio station WERY. Leading progressives in each of the cities have been invited to the lectures by the Communist Party. A minimum of 2,000 people is expected to attend the series.

## 'Doomed' Boy Is Saved From Cancer Death

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., April 12 (UP)—Harold Holt will leave the hospital today to begin life as a normal boy less than a month after his physicians in Pittsburgh gave him two weeks to live.

He had a Wilms' tumor of advanced stage. Dr. Alexander J. Chliko saved him with deep x-ray therapy treatments.

For six months more, the two-and-a-half-year-old boy must remain in New Rochelle where he can be near the hospital for weekly treatments. After that he may return to his home in Monongahela, Pa., and watch for his father, who plies the Ohio River as deckhand on a towboat.

## 800,000 Women In Union, Labor Research Reveals

Eight hundred thousand women are now organized into trade unions as compared with an approximate 350,000 in 1924, the Labor Research Association revealed yesterday. The Association presented the estimate from a manuscript by Mae Hawley Pritchard, M.A., of Columbia University.

The report declared that the CIO drive had drawn into unions large numbers of women in the textile, shoe, retail, office, professional, canning and agricultural fields.

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union (unaffiliated), with 200,000 and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO), with 150,000, led all other unions in the number of women organized.

## Newsdealers Protest Attempt to Reduce Size of Curb-Stands

Fight Resurrection of Old Ordinance By License Commissioner Moss; Complain Act Will Cut Meager Income; Delegation Sees Isaacs

Small curb-stand newsdealers throughout the city are alarmed at the efforts of the Department of Licenses to enforce an old ordinance which would drastically cut their livelihood.

Between six and seven hundred curb dealers are being compelled, through Commissioner of Licenses Paul Moss and Deputy Commissioner John M. Rainey, to reduce the size of their stands, in many instances to half their present size.

The ordinance was passed by the old City Board of Aldermen, and later upheld by a court decision, specifying that curb stands must be no larger than six feet long, 18 inches wide and 30 inches high.

The enforcement of the ordinance, according to the news dealers, will mean a heavy cut in their weekly income, inasmuch as the reduced space will necessitate a reduction in the amount of newspapers and periodicals the new stands can carry.

According to the news dealers, the weekly income of the average stand is hardly enough to support one dealer and his family, but in order to make a modest income, the news stands must be kept open as high as 18 hours a day.

Often more than one member of a family has to work on a stand in order to eke out a living.

A committee of the small dealers met in conference with Manhattan Borough President Stanley Isaacs last week and urged him to intercede on their behalf. While no public



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### Wagner vs. Girdler —And William Green

Almost at the same hour on Tuesday, when Senator Wagner was making his convincing defense of the National Labor Relations Act before the Senate Committee in Washington, Tom Girdler was attacking both the Senator and the Act which he fathered, at a dinner here in New York.

Never have the real issues behind the Wagner Act fight been so vividly illuminated as in the personages of these two men: Girdler, speaking for the open-shoppers and for industrial serfdom, for sweatshops, tear-gas and secret arsenals; Senator Robert Wagner, the humanitarian, speaking with dignity in behalf of all Americans who seek stability, security and recovery.

For in the dispute over the Wagner Act the nation is confronted not with a fight against the CIO alone, or with a clash between CIO and A. F. of L., but with the onslaught of the Girdlers against the American people.

There may be some who may not yet see the matter in this light. They may be confused about the real issue when they hear William Green attack Senator Wagner as happened at the close of the latter's testimony. But these people should not be misled. It is not so long since Green was attacking unemployment insurance, for example. But it was soon learned that he was not speaking for the membership of the A. F. of L. but for the employers. And today, on the Wagner Act, Green unfortunately is as far removed from the desires and needs of the Federation members as ever. One need only read the sharp attack by the leaders of the A. F. of L. Machinists Union against the Walsh amendments, to appreciate how true this is.

One section of Senator Wagner's testimony is of special significance for the labor movement. That was his reference to the advisability of modifying the procedure of the Labor Board in cases of jurisdictional conflict. Regardless of what one may think of the advisability of such a change, it is clear that the question arises only as a result of the cleavage in labor's ranks and should be an ominous warning to all labor to reestablish unity as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, all sections of labor, particularly in the A. F. of L., and all other decent-thinking Americans should let it be emphatically known that it is the social-minded Senator Wagner—and not Girdler or even William Green—who speaks for the true America.

### Must Such Judges Remain on the Bench?

It is not unlikely that Judge Overton Harris of the City Magistrates Court was sorry he couldn't step down from his bench and strike Mrs. Betty Biancarti in the face.

"Judge Harris was still angry and demanded if there was not anyone in the court with any backbone," reports the press. "It wasn't the Magistrate's fault that Mrs. Biancarti, aged 29, mother of four children, and soon to give birth to a fifth, was not in jail. He was still in a mood to put her behind the bars. He warned her to be prepared to serve a sentence tomorrow, and inquired if a jail sentence would harm an unborn child."

What did the haggard "criminal," standing before him do? She had insisted on getting help from the Relief Bureau at 43 Bleeker Street, in order not to be evicted for non-payment of rent. Mrs. Biancarti would not like to give birth to her fifth child in the street.

Judge Harris thinks even the street is too good for her.

Can any decent human being agree that this judicial brute belongs on the bench—judging other human beings?

### Brain Storm

A hitherto obscure gent named Chester I. Barnard, president of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company and member of the State Unemployment Relief Commission, has emerged with a "plan" to solve unemployment in the U.S.A. Modesty, however, forbids Mr. Barnard from taking the responsibility upon his own shoulders. He therefore suggests that "2,000 to 3,000 of our best brains" be put to work on the problem.

However, Mr. Barnard is good enough to give us a preview of his "Solve the Unemployment Revue" by asserting that he would begin by eliminating all federal taxes on business, establish a working week of ten to twelve hours, with a tax of 5 per cent on the first eight hours' wages, 10 per cent on the second eight hours and 25 per cent on the third.

Contemplating these amazing proposals, one wonders why the National Republican Committee has passed the brainy Mr. Barnard by as a possible standard-bearer for the 1940 presidential nomination!

### The Fight Goes on

The Senate Tories did not willingly vote for the \$100,000,000 WPA appropriation, though they got away with the \$50,000,000 slash. They didn't intend to vote for one additional penny.

In fact, after they slashed the original \$875,000,000, they vowed before all the gods that they wouldn't add another cent even if everybody in the country starved except themselves and Wall Street. But the pressure of the people—though obviously insufficient—made them eat their "economy" demagoguery, or at least, \$100,000,000 of it.

The fact that they cut \$50,000,000, shows that they regard the plight of needy and suffering Americans as a political football, a subject for bargaining. It lays bare all of their deceitful arguments about creating jobs.

For the Tory Republicans and anti-New Deal Democrats who voted this cut, voted for 400,000 WPA workers to be kicked out of jobs, throwing them and their 500,000 dependents to the winds. It was a vote for mass starvation. And if the "compromise" tactics of some of the New Dealers had prevailed, not even the \$100,000,000 would have gotten by.

The fight goes on, bigger and better. Not one eligible WPA worker should be discharged because of this slash; and those who have been thus laid off, should be reinstated. Ample WPA funds exist to prevent all layoffs up to June 20, and a deficiency sum covering the last 10 days before the next fiscal year (July 1) should be put on the new appropriation. All who have recovery at heart should get behind the Workers Alliance in putting over this vital campaign.

### Hitler Banditry IS America's Business

In fighting to keep America hog-tied by the un-neutral Neutrality Act which expires on May 1, people like "Ham" Fish are bucking against the tide of American opinion.

In the past few weeks, many Americans have changed their minds about "mind our own business." They have come to realize that what Hitler and Mussolini and Japan are doing are very much America's business. In fact, the fascist war grabs are about the most serious business we face. A poll reveals that 65 per cent of American opinion supports some form of economic action against aggressors and stands foursquare behind President Roosevelt's and Secretary Hull's stand.

Congressman Fish is thoroughly alarmed at this. Borrowing the language of the Berlin press, he assaulted the White House for criticizing the seizure of Prague and Albania. But, this kind of pro-Hitler propaganda doesn't stick any more. It is plain that America must take action to preserve its peace; it can no longer afford to depend on a head-in-the-sand policy.

The Neutrality Act has been encouraging Nazi aggression too long. To keep it is to help the enemies of America's peace. Urge your Congressman to scrap it.

### A Good First Move

The plan to barter some of America's 11,000,000 bales of cotton now lying in government warehouses for rubber and tin seems quite sensible. It gives the United States tin and rubber necessary for America's national defense, and in this sense strengthens our position against the fascist war-making powers.

The mere fact that the Nazi press in Berlin has already issued a yelp of anger at the plan is enough to give us the proof that the administration is on the right track.

Of course, there are many difficulties in the farm situation which this barter plan cannot touch. Other action will be needed for that, and speedily too.

But that barter should now be necessary in a world once highly organized for international trade vividly shows the destructive effects of the Nazi trade war against the United States and the democratic nations. With the Hitler-Japan alliance using every possible means to drag other nations into a network of trade-control, defensive barter deals like the cotton-tin plan become necessary and useful.

### More Than Meets the Eye

There is much more than meets the eye in the lockout of the 338,000 soft coal miners.

The attack on the miners—backbone of the CIO—is part of a new assault against the entire labor movement now going on in hundreds of cities and from many directions all at once. The attempt to destroy the Wagner Act, the anti-labor laws being pressed in a dozen states, the infamous court decisions as in the Apex case, all are part of the nefarious scheme.

The employers, apparently, are still smarting at the way the labor movement, largely because of the firmness of the CIO, defeated the plan to cut wages during the depression of 1937-38. With still another depression on the horizon, the employers are trying to cripple the United Mine Workers as a prelude to unleashing a new wage-cut drive that would batter down living standards from coast to coast.

The attempt of the operators and part of the press to fix the responsibility for the

## World Front

By  
HARRY GANNES



Is Mr. Chamberlain Reviving  
The "Appeasement" Policy, or  
Did He Ever Abandon It?

Chamberlain's shabby game of trying to prevent realization of collective security as proposed by the Soviet Union is being widely exposed.

The stark truth is that the British Tory Premier, under the conditions confronting him, has attempted to continue the Munich line by other means. It is necessary to restate the original nefarious purpose of the Munich policy. And we must, in addition, ask: What are the new means employed to continue the Munich policy in the present world situation?

Under Chamberlain's leadership the Anglo-French reactionaries, the abettors of fascism, strove at Munich to instigate their totalitarian allies to war against the land of Socialism. Sudetenland, in fact all of Czechoslovakia, Memel, and now Albania, were bribes to buy off the Rome-Berlin axis from westward ambitions and to impel it exclusively in an eastward direction.

As late as Tuesday, April 11, Chamberlain was still secretly dealing with Italian fascism in order to continue the "appeasement" policy and encourage Hitler to move against the Soviet Union. J. P. Morgan's New York Sun on that day published as its main story a cable from William H. Stouman, who is also the Chicago Daily News London correspondent, giving the Tory tricksters' latest game away. Writing about Mr. Chamberlain's approval of Mussolini's Albanian grab for the purpose of bringing Italian fascism into line with the main Munich aims, Mr. Stouman commented:

"If this can be done, according to his (Chamberlain's) line of reasoning, Germany will either be unable to engage in a great war, OR AT LEAST MUST CONFINED HER ATTENTION TO THE EAST." "East," in the vocabulary of Mr. Chamberlain's class, means specifically the Soviet Union.

That Chamberlain is still counting on the "appeasement" policy, which summed up means bribing fascism to carry on war at the dictates and in the direction indicated by the British Tories, was reported by Ralph W. Barnes, the reactionary Republican N. Y. Herald Tribune's London correspondent. In its Wednesday edition Mr. Barnes led off his cable with this paragraph:

"Despite the Italian invasion of Albania, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain is making 'final' effort to restore order and peace in the Mediterranean and elsewhere by coming to terms with Premier Benito Mussolini on lines which recall his once discarded policy of appeasement."

But, Mr. Barnes, may we insist that Mr. Chamberlain never discarded this criminal course? He only covered it up with empty, strong words against the very fascists he was negotiating with behind the scenes.

While treating with the fascist aggressors, Mr. Chamberlain is doing everything he can to prevent realization of the collective action insisted on by the U. S. S. R. to halt fascism. This point is becoming so clear that the most hardened enemies of the Soviet Union are still the only ones who try to protect Chamberlain in his plotting with fascism by trying to throw the blame on the U. S. S. R.

The famous Pertinax, French foreign politics commentator, in his latest piece, wrote: "But why does Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain postpone from week to week the moment to come to terms with Russia? The answer is that he is afraid lest the signature of an Anglo-Russian pact of mutual assistance should finally strengthen Mussolini's connection with Hitler. . . ." But the real answer is that Chamberlain wants to "appease" Italian fascism.

To do so the British Tory Premier is ready to accept any promise from Rome about "withdrawing troops" from Spain and about respecting Greek integrity. Yet Mussolini's promises are worth exactly as much as Hitler's, which is to say nothing at all. Mussolini promised Britain when the Anglo-Italian pact was signed April 16, 1938, that Italy would not invade Albania. At least ten different times Mussolini assured Great Britain that Italian troops would be withdrawn from Spain. Finally, Mussolini "guaranteed" that Italy would withdraw its fascist troops from Spain after Franco's victory. That has not been done. So now, as an excuse to stall off the Soviet Union's proposals, Chamberlain is again eager to accept new Italian fascist "promises."

The Tory Premier, however, is a slick article. He knows that the British and French people demand an understanding with the U. S. S. R. to defend the democracies against fascist aggression. So his lanky Tory Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, to bedevil the British people, has almost daily conferences with Ivan Malsky, the Soviet Ambassador in London. And at these conferences, which the Tories try to palm off as a form of "collaboration" with the U. S. S. R., constant excuses are made for not accepting the only means of stopping the aggressors, namely, collective security as proposed by the Soviet Union.

At the latest meeting, Halifax tried to get out of his tough spot of repeated rejection of the Soviet policy, by blaming the "small nations" for not wanting to cooperate with the U. S. S. R.

But the nub of the whole situation is Chamberlain's continued conspiracy with the fascist dictators. The Tory Premier wants to throw a number of these small nations to the totalitarian wolves as "appeasement" and to avoid that collective action which would not only halt the Rome-Berlin axis but would ultimately give it a staggering blow from which fascism would never recover.

present lockout upon the miners themselves would be laughable if the situation were not so serious. Not only did the miners do everything possible to keep the old contract going during the negotiations, but as Lewis declared, they "have made 26 concessions but not one concession has yet come from the operators."

In the face of this attack by the coal operators, it must make every worker's blood boil at seeing certain persons within the A. F. of L. leadership giving aid to the mine owners through bringing disruptive forces into the situation.

The United Mine Workers Union is a tower of strength, which has used its power and influence to aid labor everywhere. Certainly the entire labor movement will back the miners now in this new battle, upon the outcome of which may hang the living standards of all.

## HUMAN SACRIFICE

by Ellis



### What Is Chamberlain's Game Now? Why Is He Dodging Collective Security?

Today the British and French governments are scheduled to make belated statements against the fascist grabbing of Albania.

But we believe it is pertinent to ask: Do the Chamberlains and Daladiers expect to halt fascism by a wall of declarations no matter how strong the words may be?

News reports especially of Mr. Chamberlain's recent antics have been particularly ominous. The British Tory Prime Minister of Munich infamy is reported to be ready to try his discredited "appeasement" policy all over again by coming to terms with Mussolini.

Does this signify that the Anglo-French reactionaries who betrayed their national interests to fascism at Munich have never abandoned the Munich line. Or does it mean that rather than accept the Soviet Union's proposals which can actually halt the fascist aggressors, Mr. Chamberlain is going back to his intrigues with the Rome-Berlin axis? Chamberlain cannot escape the implication of his vicious record of indulging and coddling the fascist aggressors.

Let us recall that Chamberlain helped Hitler take over the Sudeten areas. This paved the way for the destruction of Czechoslovak national independence. Chamberlain conspired with Mussolini to turn over Spain to the fascist axis. Then Chamberlain's Munich treacheries assisted Hitler to grab Memel.

If Chamberlain is ready to say about Albania, "let by-gones be by-gones" who can say what territory this will invite fascism to seize next?

There is no doubt that the Chamberlain and Daladier gangs can never expect either to continue or revive the Munich policy today in the circumstances of September, 1939.

Vast changes have taken place that none of the British and French Tories can unscramble. Popular indignation, fear for the peace of the world, and disgust for the Munich policy have become the dominant sentiments in Great Britain, France and the United States.

The fascists' failure to essay a drive against the Soviet Union exclusively, as agreed upon by the Munichmen, has brought fascism into an attack on Anglo-French spheres where they find the going easier.

This has enormously sharpened the tension between the democracies, France, Great

Britain and the U. S., on the one hand, and fascism on the other.

The fascist axis has tremendously multiplied its demands and its aggressive threats against the democracies. Mr. Chamberlain cannot get around that.

But what he has been and still is doing accelerates the war danger and strengthens the fascist enemies of the democracies.

In this situation, the Soviet Union has insistently proposed that fascism can be halted, and that it can be done by the collective action of all nations desirous of stopping the war axis.

These proposals of the Soviet Union captured the imagination of all peace-loving peoples with the result that huge pressure was exerted against the Chamberlains.

However, the British Tory Premier making strong speeches and firm gestures of "resisting" fascism, nevertheless lost no opportunity to block realization of collective security as proposed by the Soviet Union.

Herein lies the great danger. Fascism is being encouraged because collective action is being delayed.

Can the Chamberlains be trusted even under compulsion of events to enter collective action to halt fascism? The bitter experience of the past few years provides a thunderous "NO" as an answer.

In any event, the surest course in Great Britain to end the Munich policy and insure a line that will stop fascism and save mankind from a horrible world war is the ousting of Chamberlain.

In this respect, this country can play an important part. Ending all traces of the fascist-aiding policy of "isolation," repeal of the so-called "Neutrality" Act, and collaboration with the anti-fascist forces of the world would help either to push Chamberlain completely away from his Munich position or assist the British people in kicking him out of power altogether.

It should never escape our thought and activity that if fascism is to be halted, if the totalitarian aggressors are to be defeated and their accomplices outwitted—

COLLECTIVE ACTION AS URGENTLY, PERSISTENTLY AND INSISTENTLY PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET UNION TO STOP FASCISM MUST BECOME A REALITY.

## Letters From Our Readers

Charter Member of Party  
Writes to D. W.—

Jonesboro, Ark.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As soon as I get to farming again I will be able to subscribe to the Daily Worker. Then I will be able to give them out to my friends.

I have been a Communist ever since the Party started in this country. I started as an I. W. W. I admire Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and I liked the article in the March 26th Sunday Worker about her.

I used to like to read her fiery speeches years ago, also those of Debs, Haywood, Emma Goldman, etc.

I am no writer or speaker but I want all of you to know that I am still with the Party and appreciate the letters and papers you have sent to me. Later on, I will subscribe to the "Worker," and be able to

order pamphlets, booklets to distribute them in my community.

P. G.

Anti-Fascist Possibilities in  
Detective Stories—

New York City

Editor, Daily Worker:

I noticed in a recent issue of the Daily Worker a brief review of what was evidently a very bad detective story. I have been wondering whether we haven't overlooked the anti-fascist possibilities in the detective story. I don't know the statistics (if any) on the number of people who read detective stories—but everyone I know either reads or has read them and I don't see any reason to leave this field to the reactionaries.

B. H.



# A NEGRO HOBO DIES

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

IN THE latter part of 1900 I hoboed my way into Jacksonville, Florida, from Tampa. I had been in Havana, Cuba. Some time before, in the North, a doctor told me I had contracted tuberculosis as a result of my several years' work in a type foundry and various fertilizer plants. So I pulled up stakes and hit the road, determined not to die without a fight for health. I went straight to Havana and knocked around there a couple of weeks until my few dollars were gone. No job was to be had and I worked my way back by steamer to Tampa. From there I beat the railroad the length of the state up into Jacksonville. I found it hard going, and part of the distance I helped the Negro fireman load cord wood for the wheezy old wood-burning locomotive.

I found work in Jacksonville, which at the time was a very tough town. Some months before it had suffered a huge fire, nearly half the city being destroyed. A great rebuilding boom was on, attracting thousands of building-trades workers from all over the country. And, like harpies, there came also a drove of gamblers, crooks, prostitutes and pimps to enjoy the easy pickings. Robbery and murder were daily occurrences.

One night, going home to my boarding house, I was crossing a rather deserted railroad viaduct when I heard a voice calling faintly for help. The sound came from down among the maze of railroad tracks in the black darkness. At once my suspicions were aroused. I thought to myself, it's only a trick to get me down under the viaduct, where I'll be knocked on the head and robbed.

But I found it impossible to ignore the persistent, plaintive calls for help. Unhesitatingly a sizable jack-knife that I carried, I went down the stairs and out onto the railroad tracks. By the sound of the voice, now grown more distinct, I cautiously made my way, knife in hand, to where a Negro lay all bunched up beside a track. He had been run over and horribly injured. But he was still conscious, and in a few words he told me his story.

He was a hobo, heading for Mississippi where his people lived. He had grabbed a freight that was pulling out, and, hanging on the side-ladder of a car, he was wiped off and swept under the wheels by some timber-work that was not "in the clear." Two cars and the caboose passed over him. His right arm was cut off completely at the elbow, while his left leg, horribly smashed above the knee, was still hanging by a bloody shred of flesh and cloth.

THE accident had apparently happened twenty or thirty minutes before. The train crew, not noticing the accident, had gone on. The Negro had already lost much blood and was rapidly bleeding to death. Amazingly he was still conscious and apparently felt little pain. He complained only of being cold, and actually held up his terribly crushed leg for me to look at.

I didn't know what to do to help him. Not a soul could be seen above on the viaduct and I had no idea where to find a yard office or switch shanty to secure aid. Finally I spied a light in a freight house, some distance away. Running there, I knocked on the big sliding door. Without opening the door, a watchman inside asked what I wanted. I told him a hobo had been run over and asked him to telephone for an ambulance, and would he help me carry the man to shelter? Being finally assured I was not a hold-up man, the watchman began to unbolt the door. But suddenly he stopped and asked, "Is he a white man?" I was dumfounded at such a question. "What's that got to do with it?" I said. "He's a human being and bleeding to death. We must get him to a hospital at once." But the watchman slipped the bolt back into its slot and despite my insistence refused to open the door.

I was amazed and revolted and I swore all over the place. In the South I had seen many manifestations of the brutal Jim-Crow practice, but this cold-hearted act exposed in all its rotten nakedness the system which robs the Negroes of their rights and treats them as though they were sub-human beings.

Cursing the watchman, I went back to the injured Negro. Just as I got there a Negro switchman, lantern in hand, happened by. While I stayed with the injured man, the switchman hurried to the yard-master's office to telephone the hospital and to bring the emergency stretcher which was always kept on hand to gather up what was left of the many railroad workers constantly mutilated in the big yards.

We carefully lifted the crushed Negro onto the stretcher, placing his cut-off arm beside him. He did not even groan. As they started off with him he called to the stretcher bearers, "Where's my hat? Get my hat." They went back and picked it up, a torn and dirty cap.

Next day the Negro switchman told me the injured man died during the night. That same morning I went to the freight-house to protest against the watchman who refused to open the door and help the Negro. The boss listened, but from his cynical manner I was convinced his promised investigation would never take place. After that I went to a local paper and gave my story to the editor, but not a line of it appeared in print. (Courtesy International Publishers.)

Mike Gold's column "Change the World" will appear tomorrow.

## HOW DO YOU FEEL?

HEALTH ADVICE

### Public Health In Chile

The recent earthquake in Chile was surely one of the most unjust "acts of God" to reach the headlines for many months. For the one country in South America with a Popular Front and wholly democratic government to have been "rewarded" in such a manner is almost enough to make Hitler revise the Kaiser's old slogan: Gott mit uns. However, the one bright spot in the catastrophe was the fact that the progressive government of Chile was fore-armed with a fine public health service to meet the emergency.

It is to be hoped that the earthquake has not thrown too disastrous a crimp into the mechanism of Chile's preventive medicine and health insurance projects, as described in the November issue of Industrial Medicine. The former social insurance plan of Chile provided for the old and the sick. The new plan, adopted a few months ago, aims to keep the active worker in the best possible health, so that he can make the most of his abilities. Features of the plan include: 1) Systematic periodic compulsory medical examination for the members of all social insurance funds; 2) Total or partial "preventive rest" with full wages, with the ability to re-enter employment, for workers who have been "run down"; 3) The financing of the health examinations by a 2.5 per cent levy on the gross income of the insurance funds; and 4) The financing of the "preventive rests" by a contribution equal to 1 per cent of the wages, paid by the employer.

The editor of Industrial Medicine suggests that the U. S. might do well to plan a similar program. The urgent need for such measures is demonstrated by the unusually high death rates, among unskilled and semi-skilled workers in this country, and the high death rate for tuberculosis in early childhood and in the age group from twenty to forty. If only from the economic point of view, such needless deaths of wage-earners must be avoided. It is not necessary to have an

earthquake in this country to bring about such a program.

—BY MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD.

## On the Radio

**MORNING**  
7:00-WNYC-Bureau Symphony  
7:45-WABC-Morning News Report  
8:00-WOR-Trans-Radio News  
8:30-WNYC-Bureau Symphony  
9:15-WNYC-N. Y. State Employment Service and Consumers Guide  
9:30-WNYC-News and Around New York Today  
9:50-WNYC-Composers' Hour  
10:00-WNYC-Masterwork Hour  
10:30-WOR-Women Make the News  
10:45-WNYC-News Briefs of the Week  
11:00-WNYC-News  
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**AFTERNOON**  
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12:30-WOR-Trans-Radio News  
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# A 'Little Revue' That Does Big Things

## Vanguard Group Hits New High In Social Satire

By Milton Meltzer

At the Village Vanguard on Seventh Ave. in New York five brash youngsters are chalking up new records for social satire. It's not their idea that's new; it's the way they do things. The five of them, two girls and three boys, together write the sketches, lyrics and music; design the sets and costumes, sing, dance and act all the numbers, and, to top it off, direct themselves. Once every month they go through this complete process, putting on an entirely new revue each time. They turn out shows with the efficiency and speed of a General Motors assembly line. And the quality of their product can compete with any other on the market.

It was an autumn shower that floated their enterprise several months ago. In the midst of it Judith Twinn, their 17-year-old impresario, dropped into the Village Vanguard, then a cellar cafe with food but no floor show, to dry her clothes. Max Gordon, the friendly proprietor, told her he was sorry he had no one to entertain her. He himself would like to put on a show with a little bite in it. Judith said why don't you? I could get you something like it. Let me do it. Max said jokingly, of course, of course. Anytime you have one, bring it in and we'll look it over.

### Satire on Cafe Society

Judith did. Christmas week the Village Vanguard opened its first show, called "Pue Tells You Where to Go." It was a takeoff on the people who jitter from night spot to night spot taking their "cue" from a magazine of that name. A very neat job of dissecting cafe society and its entertainers it was, and done by boys and girls who look as though they wouldn't be admitted any place after dark without ma and pa.

That show was kept on for a month, playing to a crowded cafe every Thursday, Friday and Sunday night at 11:30 P.M. On the other nights of the week the group wrote and rehearsed new material. To date they have done three completely different revues, and so well that sophisticated theatre people like Arthur Koehler, Lillian Hellman, Vincente Minnelli, and Jean Milr come back to see the "Vanguard" again. The group has lots of regulars now who know the songs and gags by heart.

### Studied With New Theatre League

All the five are New Yorkers, sprouting from Brooklyn, Bronx or Manhattan. Al Hammer, 24, dabbled in pharmacy at De Witt Clinton High and packed dresses in the garment center for three years, while he boned on Stanislavsky nights at the New Theatre School. He boasts of having been directed by John Garfield in the Youth Theatre. Later he played to trade union audiences for the New Labor Theatre, from which he is "on leave" for a while. Summers he has spent doing comedy impersonations, and



At top, the revuers and their dummy mike; reading from left to right, Adolph Green, Betty Comden, John Frank, Judith Twinn and Al Hammer. Below, three youngsters in a scene from "The Happy Harpies at Home," a satire on the family cycle in motion pictures.

songs on Eastern tours booked by the New Theatre League and the IWO.

From St. Ann's Academy, Fordham and NYU comes John Frank, now 23. The group picked him up when they heard him sing with the Peasant Singers, who did in 28 languages folk songs they collected themselves in New York City. John's been around a bit, having sung over NBC and CBS, and done guest shots at the Rainbow Room.

Her organizing skill was built up by A.S.U. work, she says, and by leadership of a traveling dramatic troupe who went the rounds of other high schools. Out of school in '36, she started to read scripts for the Mercury Theatre, meanwhile keeping an eye out for the big chance. It came with the rainstorm that swept her into the Village Vanguard.

What the group's productions might be compared with is the "Little Show" of the old days. Each new revue is built on one theme or

### STAGE

## 'The Happiest Days' Morbid Play About a Boy and Girl

THE HAPPIEST DAYS. By Charlotte Armstrong. Produced by Courtney Burr. Directed by Marc Connelly. Settings by F. Dodd Ackerman. Vanderbilt Theatre.

Last year in Queens' two high school children fell in love. The girl becoming pregnant, and neither daring to tell anybody of their plight, the pair entered into a suicide pact. The girl was killed, but the boy survived, and thereafter both sets of parents combined to save him from any legal punishment.

This is the story which Charlotte Armstrong's "The Happiest Days" reproduces with almost photographic faithfulness. Although it is written with simplicity and sincerity, and the production and acting are very satisfactory, the play to me seemed morbid, and pathetic at most, rather than tragic. The lovers are given to reading "The Shropshire Lad," getting good marks at school, and worrying about the tragedies of Europe. Their respective parents play bridge, care for their children in a completely unintelligent fashion, and generally behave as fairly well-to-do suburbanites probably do behave.

The girl's father is the most understanding of the adults, but even he is of no help to her in her trouble, and the parents together seem incredibly stupid and old-fashioned. The children, on the other hand, are far, far too precocious, and one was inclined to wish that somebody had told them about some hearty youth organization where they would have been encouraged to learn that the difficulties of the world are not insurmountable. In real life all the people concerned may well have been exactly as Miss Armstrong portrays them, but it seems to me that one reason why "The Happiest Days" is so ineffective is its failure to explore the social background of the case, which would have necessitated the expression of some positive point of view. In other words, this play belongs to the category, referred to here some weeks ago, which lacks dramatic impact because of an unimaginative use of factual material.

### New Playwright Shows Talent

Miss Armstrong has also evaded writing what should have been the scene a faire, or obligatory scene, in which the girl's parents learn the facts and resolve to stand by the boy. All this is left to the imagination of the audience. There are some points of similarity between "The Happiest Days" and "Dane Nature," seen earlier this season, but the fighting spirit of the children in the

### Articles on Varied Themes In the April 'Communist'

Bittelman, Foster, Irene Browder Among the Contributors to Party's Theoretical Organ

Reviewed by EDWARD SMITH

Impressive statistics, elaborate graphs, and detailed compilations are no substitute for the human element in arousing the enthusiasm and gaining the confidence of the millions of people for democracy, warns William Z. Foster in the April Communist. Foster's brilliant discussion of the role of the human element in mass education distills the essence of his long years as a working-class leader. It should become an integral part of the experience of all those who are active progressives.

Too often, writes Foster, is the agitation of the democratic front movement—and this includes the trade unions, progressive organizations, as well as the Communist Party—over balanced with material of a "dry, unemotional, super-objective character." The hardships of the people are presented in terms of trends, statistics, tables and general abstractions. While this mass of information may be completely true, and the political analyses and programs absolutely correct, its effectiveness is often weakened because it fails in its appeal to the workers. "Nor does the emphasis I place in this article upon human elements," Foster makes clear, "tend in the slightest degree to underestimate or play down the profound importance of political theory."

The principal political and economic developments of the month are discussed in his usual keen and analytical style by Alex Bittelman in "The Review of the Month." The attitude of big business towards the recent efforts of the administration to tackle in a fresh manner our grave economic problems, remains one of adamant opposition towards Roosevelt and the New Deal. A program for recovery requires concentrated fire against monopoly capitalism. It is necessary to win small business and neutralize medium business which is in conflict with the monopolies. Other problems discussed by Bittelman are the budget and taxation, A. P. of I. and CIO unity negotiations, and the significance of the Senate discussion of the National Defense Bill and Neutrality Act.

In preparation for May Day, here is an editorial which is a guide in the present preparations for the demonstrations held throughout the country. The slogans around which the labor and progressive movement will rally and the practical methods of mobilizing the widest sections of the population are indicated in this editorial.

In a moving tribute to Nadeshda Krupskaya, Irene Browder reviews the model revolutionary life and activity, and he remarkable contributions in "A Day at the Races."

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## New York Players Offer Repeat Performance

The New York Players, progressive young acting company, will present the second performance of their bill of four one-act plays at the Master Theatre, 103rd St. and Riverside Drive, on Friday evening, April 14, at 8:45.

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# Short and Snappy Pre-Season Sizing Up of the Baseball Contenders

(This is the second of a series of thumbnail sketches of the major league teams. Tomorrow: The American League's top clubs.)

## BOSTON BEES

Sacrificed defensive strength to bolster what last year was league's weakest offensive team. "We'll get a few hits, anyway," says manager Casey Stengel, "and be up there on the tail of those first division clubs."

**CHANGE**—Complete new outfield of Al Simmons from Washington, Outlaw from Syracuse and Buddy Hassett from Brooklyn (who failed to land a first base job at Boston); Eddie Miller from Kansas City at shortstop; Bill Peckel and Fred Frankhouse from Brooklyn and Joe Sullivan from Toronto, added to pitching staff.

**PROBABLE LINE-UP**—Lopez, Masi and Sutcliffe C; Fletcher, 1B; Cucchiello, 2B; Miller, SS; Garmis, 3B; Simmons, LF; Outlaw, CF; Hassett, RF. Pitchers—Turner, Fette, Macfayden, Shofner, Erickson, Lanning, Posedel, Sullivan, Frankhouse, Doll. Reserves—Infield: Warfield and Hill; Outfield: Cooney and West.

**BEST NEWCOMERS**—Miller and Masi from Springfield, O.

**BEST HITTERS**—Simmons, Cucchiello, Garmis.

**WEAK SPOTS**—Overburdened with veterans; Outfield weak defensively; hitting strength problematical.

**STRONG POINTS**—Foxy pitching staff; toughest club in league to beat at home; smart catchers.

**BETTING ODDS**—20-1 (Sixth).

**POSITION LAST YEAR**—Fifth; won 77; lost 75; Pct. .507.

## ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

League's biggest "if" team; gambling on several youngsters who, if they come through, can make Cards very dangerous. "I'm a new man and just learning what it's all about," says manager Ray Blades, "But I'll guarantee this team will tend to baseball."

**CHANGE**—New second base combination of Creepy Crepi from Springfield, Mo., and Joe Crengo, from Sacramento; Bob Bowman, Tom Sunkel, Morton Cooper, and Ken Raffensberger, recruit pitchers; and Herman Franks, new catcher from Sacramento.

**PROBABLE LINE-UP**—Owen, Franks, Padgett, C; Mize, 1B; Crespi, 2B; Crengo, SS; Outfield: 3B; Medwick, LF; T. Moore, CF; Slaughter, RF. Pitchers—Warneke, C. Davis, Welland, Shoun, P. Dean, McGee, Bowman, Cooper, Raffensberger and Sunkel. Reserves—Infield: J. Brown and S. Martin; Outfield: J. Martin and Adams.

**BEST NEWCOMERS**—Franks, Crengo, Bowman, Sunkel.

**BEST HITTERS**—Medwick, Mize.

**WEAK SPOTS**—Second base combination, pitching and catching are all question marks.

**STRONG POINTS**—League's most powerful attack; speed and revival of baseball spirit instead of gas house ablyhoo.

**BETTING ODDS**—10-1 (Fifth).

**POSITION LAST YEAR**—Sixth; won 71; lost 80; Pct. .470.

## BROOKLYN DODGERS

Rebuilding program making definite headway and team appears stronger than in many springs. "Just give us some pitching and there won't be anybody laughing at the Dodgers this year," says manager Leo Durocher.

**CHANGE**—Stainback and G. Moore, new outfielders; Tony Lazzeri, infield handyman; Whit Wyatt, Ira Hutchinson (Bees), Russ Evans, Hill Crouch and Hugh Casey, new pitchers; Al Todd (Pirates), new catcher.

**PROBABLE LINE-UP**—Pheips, Todd, Hayworth, C; Camilli, 1B; Coccarri or Lazzeri, 2B; Durocher, SS; Lavagetto, 3B; Koy or Sington, LF; Stainback or Rosen, CF; G. Moore, RF. Pitchers—Fitzsimmons, Wyatt, Hamlin, Hutchinson, Mungo, Evans, Casey, Crouch, Presnell and Tamulis. Reserve—Infield: Hudson; Outfield: Sington, Rosen.

**BEST NEWCOMERS**—Evans, Wyatt, Casey.

**BEST HITTERS**—Pheips, Camilli, Moore.

**WEAK SPOTS**—Pitching and second base uncertain; lack of proven batting punch.

**STRONG POINTS**—Best hitting catching staff; Improvement in team morale under Durocher; fortified with capable reserves.

**BETTING ODDS**—40-1 (Seventh).

**POSITION LAST YEAR**—Seventh; won 69; lost 80; Pct. .463.

## PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

Doing the best they can with what they have which isn't much. "Whatever the team does this year, I'm not going to be disappointed, because I know we can't be any worse than we were last year," says manager Doc Prothro.

**CHANGES**—Les Powers, from Jersey City at first; Merrill May, from Newark at third; Jim Henry, Jim Pindexter, Harry Matuzak, Elmer Burkhardt added to pitching staff.

**PROBABLE LINE-UP**—Twoed, Davis, Clark, C; Powers, 1B; Mueller, 2B; Scharen, SS; May, 3B; Arnovich, LF; Martin, CF; Klein, RF. Pitchers—Passeau, Mulcahy, Butcher, Hollingsworth, Sivy, Smith, Syl Johnson, Pindexter, Henry, Burkhardt, Matuzak. Reserve—Infield: Whitney, Jordan. Outfield: Brack, Denese.

**BEST NEWCOMERS**—May, Powers, Matuzak.

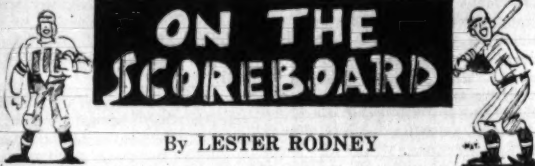
**BEST HITTERS**—Martin, Arnovich.

**WEAK SPOTS**—Feeble attack; defense unsound; pitching wobbly; in other words: Just the Phillies.

**STRONG POINTS**—None.

**BETTING ODDS**—100-1 (Eighth).

**POSITION LAST YEAR**—Eighth; won 45; lost 105; Pct. .300.



By LESTER RODNEY

Jack Doyle, Broadway's impresario of batting, has made his odds on the American and National League races, and gained his usual allotment of space on the sports pages with his neat little table.

Jack has been playing with the odds on sports events a long time, and as his object of making dough for himself out of the whole thing was never even partially obscured, there is a certain interest in his deductions among baseball people. He can't afford to be too wrong, or make even one sucker mistake, or he'd be hard hit. So his annual odds are greeted with reverence and seriousness that is a bit out of kilter in a sport where a headache, a loose carpet or a blonde can change the course of a pennant race.

In fact, when Doyle, past 60, announced a tentative "retirement" from the business of oddmaking and betting, the stories were must like the retirement story of famous athletes. "Doyle May Retire," etc.

But Mr. Doyle reconsidered and once again his complicated looking little table is in print. There are odds for each team finishing first, second and third. The Yankees, as you might imagine, are the overwhelming favorites in the American League at 2-5. That means, simply that if you want to bet on the Yankees to win the pennant you get a return of \$2 on every \$5 you put up.

Next in the American League rating is Boston at 3-1. Which means that if you think the addition of Rookies Tabor and Williams can upset the Yanks you'll get a return of \$3 on every \$1 you put up. If you're enamored of the chances of Connie Mack's Philadelphia heroes to cop you'll get 100-1, and as much as 20-1 that says they won't finish third or better.

The National League shows the Cubs, Giants and Reds rated about even, with a slight edge to Chicago at 2-1. That means that if you like Chicago to win the pennant again you'll get two for your one. The Giants and Reds are 11-5 and 12-5 respectively. Our Brooklynns are 40-1, rated seventh, and then there's a big jump to the Phillies, at 100-1, like the A's of the same city. That last is before they find out definitely who their best player is and sell him to the Giants. How those Philadelphia fans can take it. Their pathetic optimism (the five of them) makes Brooklyn fans look like dour cynics and pessimists.

Now here's a cute little angle on Mr. Doyle's table which may give you a better idea of why he reconsidered his "retirement" as betting czar.

His odds give the Yankees a 71.5% chance of copping, the Red Sox 25%, the Tigers 20% and so on down the line. The total sum is NOT 100%, but 146%. And to show his careless lack of appreciation for lower mathematics, the sum total of Mr. Doyle's percentages in the National League is 135%. Where do the extra 46 and 35% of the bets go respectively? They go respectively to Mr. Doyle, and that's whether the Yankees, A's or White Plains Tycoons win the pennant. That's a pretty good start, eh? And it looks even sweeter when you remember that Mr. Doyle, being the czar, can change the odds as he goes along. He quickly discourages too big a rush to one of the more enticing looking bets by hiking or lowering the odds as he will, and he does that just as often as he sees the trend push him in danger of losing some of the 100%.

Put me in the gambling business, mother. Make me a czar. And let's start with 200% so I won't lose any dough.

The moral of this piece is—don't play second fiddle for this czar.

# DAILY WORKER SPORTS

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1939

## Only 4-Ring Circus in Town--Lewisohn Stadium

Where CCNY's Baseball, Football, Lacrosse and Track Squads Share One Hard, Grassless Field—But It's Lots of Fun

By Norman Seamore

The Garden may have its three-ring circus, but up at Lewisohn Stadium you can find the only four-ring circus in town. Each afternoon about seventy sweating youngsters go through their paces in Football, Baseball, Lacrosse and Track. Track boasts about 10 participants, while the other sports equally divide the remainder.

Each sport is taken seriously enough, but the fun starts when a plunging back takes out a quarter-miler, or the Lacrosse and Baseballs get mixed up. This is not the amalgamation plan that everybody was talking about a few months ago, but rather a fair indication of the difficulties encountered by a varsity coach at CCNY. Where other schools have two or three practice fields for each sport, the Beavers have to be content with "dividing up" ONE hard, grassless field.

Since the City athletes get no remuneration for playing ball, except for a minute amount of glory, he is out there every afternoon for only one reason—the fun he gets out of playing ball, or running 'round a track. It's a pleasure to watch Al Soudous stretching off first to retrieve a peg from third, or George Lencher laughingly weave in and out of the defense with a Lacrosse stick. The fact that a City team wins more than an occasional shows that the Beavers like to win and try to win. Bu win, lose or draw, the boys have fun.

### GRID HEADACHE

Right now Benny Friedman is trying to shape a nucleus for next season's Football team. He is having the usual trouble of green material, and lack of height and weight. The former Michigan ace is holding light signal drills, and in a few weeks will have his charges scrimmaging with Manhattan and Columbia— pity the lot of the Beaver.

"Chief" Leon Miller has probably more trouble than any of the other coaches. It takes six years to develop a real good stick handler in Lacrosse, and he has

### CCNY '9' Wins

The CCNY baseball team put on a grand rally in the seventh inning to score six runs and nose out the Seton Hall of New Jersey team, 9-8 yesterday at Lewisohn Stadium.

Arky Soltes came in to check the invader in the last two innings when they threatened a counter-rally. Bill Mayhew led the CCNY attack with a triple and a single.

the thankless task of not only teaching how to handle a stick, but developing the most motley crew you ever laid eyes on. There are usually only a few very good players on the team, and the general beating that they take each year at the hands of the southern teams is terrific (they lost to John Hopkins 24-3 last week). Despite all that, the boys manage to have their share of fun.

For those who haven't the time or inclination to play Varsity ball a broad intramural program has been started with about 1,000 participants. The boys play everything from baseball to badminton and plain ordinary box ball played on the streets of Convent Avenue. What's nice about the whole thing is that everybody is having fun.

### Giant Rally in 10th Beats Indians

GREENVILLE, Miss., April 12 (UP).—The New York Giants broke loose with a seven-run burst in the 10th inning to win their first game in five starts, 12-8 over the Cleveland Indians today.

The two clubs went into the 10th deadlocked at 5-all after the Tribe had come from behind to tie

## WHO WILL '39S TWENTY GAME WINNER BE?

'Strong Arm Boys' Seem To Be Fading Out

A popular pastime these days is trying to pick three major league pitchers who'll win 20 games each. There are juicy odds for those who can do it—one buck will get you 50.

During the past five years the strong-arm boys who can win 20 games have been growing fewer, dwindling from eight in 1934 to four last year. During this five-year stretch 34 pitchers have won 20 or more games, an average of 6 4/5 such pitchers per season. Usually when any one team can turn up two of them it means the pennant, as it did for the Tigers in 1934 with Rowe and Bridges, the Cubs in 1935 with Lee and Warneke, and the Yankees in 1937 with Ruffing and Gomez.

### RUFFING BEST BET

With the decline of Hubbell, Grove, Dizzy Dean, Rowe, Bridges, Warneke and Ferrell, the job of picking even one cinch 20-game winner is a tough one. On form, Red Ruffing of the Yanks appears to be the best bet, having hit the 20-game brackets the last three years with 20 each in 1936 and 1937 and 21 last year. But even Ruffing at 35 may be a gamble.

Besides Ruffing, the others who were in the charmed circle last year were Bill Lee, Cubs, who won 22; Paul Derringer, Reds, who won 21, and Buck Newsum, who miraculously won 20 for a seventh-place club. Lee was in the 20-game class once before, back in 1935, and so was Derringer the same year. It was a new experience for Newsum, who had a \$1,000 bonus riding on every pitch he made to beat the White Sox for his 20th.

In looking for 20-game winners this season I have picked ten possibilities from each league after talking to managers, players and scribes. Somewhere in this list you'll find three men who'll do the trick, but it's not as easy as it sounds:

### HERE THEY ARE

**NATIONAL**—Lee and Bryant; Cubs; Derringer, Vander Meer and Walters; Reds; Gumbert and Melton; Giants; Bauer and Blanton; Pirates; Warneke, Cardinals.

**AMERICAN**—Ruffing, Gomez and Pearson, Yankees; Bagby and Wilson, Red Sox; Feller and Harder, Indians; Bridges, Tigers; Krakauskas, Senators; Newsum, Browns.

Most everyone I talked to named Feller first as the man most likely to win 20 games. Lee was the popular choice among National Leaguers. But it was tough to get the third man. Among the pitchers picked up in a parlay with Feller and Lee were Pearson, Walters, Newsum, Melton and Krakauskas. My own nominations are Feller, Lee and Walters, but I can't guarantee them.

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## It's Mutiny!... Dodgers Trim Yanks 3rd in Row

But Could He Beat the... You Know Who?

BeatChamps atOwn Hitting Game, 9-7



## Along Fistic Row

With Stan Kurman

"If you don't get a good manager in New York, you're out of luck," Sammy Angott told the Daily Worker yesterday as he sat in a cubbyhole dressing-room in Stillman's Gym.

"New York is the best boxing town in the country," explained the third-ranking lightweight in the country who fights Aldo Spoldito tomorrow night "but if a fighter doesn't get decent handling he might just as well be out in sticks."

"I didn't have a good manager when I fought here three years ago and I wasn't getting anywhere. Now I have Charley Jones handling me and he's square and honest. I've really gone places since Charley took over."

A glance at the figures backs up the Pennsylvania kid. He's piled a great record since he left for the Midwest two and a half years ago. Fighting mainly in Louisville, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Milwaukee he slugged through many of the leading lightweight to reach a spot just below Champ Henry Armstrong and ex-champion Lou Ambert.

Sammy, who impressed observers as a keen boxer with plenty of sock in a four round sparring session, RINSIDE RAMBLES: Fighting back gamely in late rounds, Tony Canoneri held slugging Jimmy Vaughn to a draw in the Colliseum feature Tuesday night. . . . Tony suffered a bad cut over his

right eye. . . . Ton Christie kayoed Tony Novello in the 3rd in the semi. . . . Davey Crawford drew with Carlos Cuevas in a 6. . . . Danny Jordan beat Lou Napoli. Tony Morelli licked Midge Migdal and Jose Rayo took Natie Hall in four. . . . Canadian Maxie Berger moved towards a bout with Davey or Pedro Montanez after thumping him over Johnny Rohrig in eight rounds at the Broadway Arena Tuesday night. . . . Emil Cody score an unpopular win over Julie Kogan in the 8-round semi. . . . Al Casimiri took Tommy Fontana in a 6. . . . Dennis Deegan beat Tony Greb and Vinnie Vines licked Frankie Runyon in sixes. . . . In scheduled four angle Fleischauer beat Al Drupecki. Manny Murray kayoed Jimmy White in the first.

### Reiser Hurt

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 12 (UP).—Rookie Infielder Pete Reiser, young slugging sensation of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was ordered to a hospital today for x-rays after being struck on the left elbow by a batted ball during practice.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 12.—The Yanks have been riding their old-time playmate, Leo Durocher, ever since the champs hooked up with the Dodgers for their annual springtime feud. So today the former "All-American Out" got real sore and minutes later the big gun as his Brooks outlugged the wonder boys for the third straight time, 9-7. The teams play their road finale at Norfolk today and then head for the big Ebbets Field debut tomorrow.

Lippy Leo slammed a pair of money socks that rode in five runs and spiced the third straight Flatbush win over the Yanks. To add to the heresy it's Brooklyn fourth win in six tries in the spring series. Although the score was close the Dodgers never were really in danger. Bouncing off to a 5-1 lead in the first they kept in front all the way. The Yanks, slugging sporadically, came close but couldn't quite make it.

Camilli singled in the first with bases packed to drive in Goody Rosen's single and Gene Moore's walk. Babe Phelps, who had singled, was out as he lumbered into third yards behind the ball. Fred Sington and Cookie Lavagetto singled to load the sacks then Durocher weighed in with his first mighty smash to clean the bags.

Camilli's homer—10th of the year—in the fifth touched off the last Dodger blow-off. Durocher came up a few minutes later with two on and slammed out a ground-rule double into the overflow crowd to make the count 9-4.

Meanwhile the Yanks, determined to end the Dodgers' domination over them, picked up single runs in the first and second and a pair in the fourth off Crouch. The desperate McCarthy men took to Casey, who came on in the fifth, and picked up a run in the 7th when Joe DiMaggio homered. Tommy Henrich's sharp single to center drove in two more in the 8th but that was all.

### SCORES

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DR. MADRIZ JOHANN, "G. S. & P.S.S.—Where Do They Stand?" Progressive Forum, 450 Sixth Ave. (9th St.), NYC. 8:15 P.M. Sub. 15c.

ISADORE BRUGN speaks on "Stop the March of Anti-Semitism!" Entertainment by Gendel of Art. 8:30 P.M. Hunter Point Palace, 163rd St. and Southern Blvd., Bronx. Ausp. Isadore Brugn Jr. C. P.

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